



ANNUAL
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— OF THE —
TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS



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AND THE SCHOOL REPORT

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Town Officers, 1920

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE
DAVID HEATLEY
WALTER C. RIPLEY

ASSESSORS

FREDERICK W. SMITH
DAVID J. BARNEY
HAROLD H. TOTTEN

TOWN CLERK

JOHN MILLER

TREASURER

FREDERICK W. SMITH

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

EZEKIEL H. MATTHEWS

AUDITOR

CLEMENT STUDLEY

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN
HOSEA S. LOOK
MINNIE E. VINCENT

HEALTH OFFICERS

DAVID HEATLEY
WALTER C. RIPLEY
EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS

ANTONE D. SILVIA

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

FREDERICK W. SMITH

HERBERT A. EDDY

ROY A. BUNKER

PARK COMMISSIONEERS

THOMAS A. McGRATH

WALTER L. BESSE

HAROLD E. JORDAN

SPECIAL PARK COMMISSIONERS

LYMAN W. BESSE

ALFRED E. COX

EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE

CONSTABLES

FRED B. PLACE

HARRY T. WEBB

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

EMERY N. NOYES

PERCY HOUSE

JOHN E. SANDIFORD

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD
AND BARK

HERBERT A. EDDY

DAVID J. BARNEY

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

HAROLD E. JORDAN

POUND KEEPER

CLOFUS L. GONYON

FENCE VIEWERS

JOHN C. HAMBLIN

MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT

FIELD DRIVERS

HARRY T. WEBB

WILLIAM R. AMERAL

TREE WARDEN

GEORGE FRYE

Valuation April 1, 1920

Personal property,	\$455,850.00	
Real estate,	2,168,730.00	
Total valuation,		\$2,624,580.00
Rate of taxation, \$25.50 per \$1,000.00.		
Tax on personal property,	\$11,624.18	
Tax on real estate,	55,302.52	
Total property tax,		\$66,926.70
Tax on 269 polls at \$5.00,		1,345.00
Total tax,		\$68,271.70
State tax assessed,	\$5,880.00	
Special State tax,	277.20	
Penalty,	23.00	
County tax assessed,	3,932.43	
Civilian war poll tax,	1,086.00	
Town tax assessed,	56,629.51	
		\$68,271.70

The following items were taken from the Assessors' books for 1920:

Number of resident tax payers,	411
Number of non-residents	996

Number of poll tax payers,	269
Number of horses,	63
Number of cows,	104
Number of dwelling houses,	1,134
Number of acres of land,	3,423

Exempted Property

Baptist church and land,	\$3,500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association, temple and land,	2,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land,	3,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land, (new),	25,000.00
Episcopal Society, church and land,	3,500.00
M. V. Campmeeting Association, church, tabernacle, office and land,	10,500.00
Union Chapel Christian Association, chapel and land,	6,000.00
Bradley Memorial church and land,	1,000.00
African Methodist Episcopal church and land,	500.00
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	\$56,000.00

Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.

E. G. Eldridge,	\$7.50
H. J. Greene,	7.50

	\$15.00
Appropriation,	\$15.00

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

E. G. Eldridge,	\$100.00
David Heatley,	100.00
Walter C. Ripley,	100.00

	\$300.00
Appropriation,	\$300.00

CLERK OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Walter C. Ripley,	\$150.00
Appropriation,	\$150.00

SELECTMEN'S EXPENSES.

John H. Crowell, surveying,	\$56.80
Vineyard Lighting Co.,	48.32
Crowell, Cleveland Co., fuel,	28.95
George Alley, oil,	.48

H. S. Look, supplies,	8.15
D. J. Barney, fuel,	50.00
Holmes, Luce Co., supplies,	15.00
Howard Mackay, supplies,	6.70
A. S. Andrews, supplies,	19.00
Hobbs and Warren, supplies,	1.05
W. C. Ripley, labor and express,	2.50
Edward Dayton, use of auto,	3.00
Est. of S. N. Kidder, stock and labor,	5.72
Geo. E. L. Ellis, services and expenses,	61.45
O. B. Transfer Co., freight and cartage,	1.04
E. E. Landers, printing,	10.00
E. G. Eldridge, express,	.81
Remington Typewriter Co., repairs,	28.00
Cottage City Water Co.,	10.00
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co.,	.55
Fred Metell, stock and labor,	38.71
S. E. McDonald, services,	50.00
Lindsey Wormley, labor,	1.00
Wright & Potter, supplies,	21.65
Manuel O. Perry, auto hire,	7.00
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	\$475.88
Appropriation,	200.00
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Overdrawn,	\$275.88

TOWN COUNSEL.

E. A. Davis, services,	\$75.00
Appropriation,	\$75.00

TOWN CLERK.

John Miller, services,	\$100.00
Appropriation,	\$100.00

TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES.

Thorp & Martin, supplies,	\$12.87
R. W. Messenger, administering oaths,	2.25
P. B. Murphy, book,	1.35
Eldridge & White, bond,	4.00
Carter's Ink Co., supplies,	2.50
O. S. Mayhew, M. D., returns,	.75
John Miller, postage, etc.,	5.15
John Miller, sundry expenses,	10.00
E. E. Landers, printing,	12.00
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	\$50.87

ASSESSORS.

Harold H. Totten, services,	\$100.00
Frederick W. Smith, services,	100.00
David J. Barney, services,	100.00
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	\$300.00
Appropriation,	\$300.00

ASSESSORS' EXPENSES.

Philip J. Norton, abstracts,	\$25.50
Harold H. Totten, postage,	.50
Wright & Potter, supplies,	2.06
Auto List Publishing Co., auto list,	5.00
Edward Dayton, auto hire,	10.50
Joseph D. Silvia, auto hire,	16.25
E. E. Landers, printing,	49.50
Maud E. Smith, services,	45.00
F. W. Smith,	5.00

D. J. Barney,	5.00
H. H. Totten	5.00

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Appropriation,	100.00
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Overdrawn	\$70.26

TAX COLLECTOR.

E. H. Matthews, services,	\$450.00
E. H. Matthews, bond,	20.00
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	\$470.00
Appropriation	\$470.00

TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES.

E. E. Landers,	\$35.00
Appropriation,	40.00
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Unexpended	\$5.00

AUDITOR.

Harold H. Totten, services,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

AUDITOR'S EXPENSES.

H. H. Totten, filing report to state,	\$25.00
F. O. Matthews, supplies,	.25
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	\$25.25
Appropriation,	30.00
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Unexpended,	\$ 4.75

TREASURER.

Frederick W. Smith, services,	\$400.00
Frederick W. Smith, bond,	20.00
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	\$420.00
Appropriation,	\$420.00

TREASURER'S EXPENSES.

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.,	\$ 2.80
F. W. Smith, postage and express,	17.40
E. E. Landers,	2.25
Morris-Ireland Safe Co., services,	36.16
State Treasurer,	.50
Certification of notes,	10.00
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	\$69.11
Appropriation,	25.00
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Overdrawn	\$44.11

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

E. G. Eldridge, services,	\$10.00
W. C. Ripley, services,	10.00
David Heatley, services,	10.00
John Miller, services	15.00
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	\$45.00
Appropriation,	\$45.00

BOARD OF REGISTRARS EXPENSES.

Joseph Metell, services,	\$4.00
Terrence O'Brien, services,	4.00
Frank W. Silvia, services,	4.00
Antone P. Madeiros, services,	4.00
C. A. Church, services,	5.00

O. N. Mayhew, services,	7.00
R. W. Messenger, services,	13.00
S. E. McDonald, services,	4.00
Harry T. Webb, services,	28.50
F. W. Smith, services,	6.00
H. H. Totten, services,	10.00
John E. Sandiford, services,	9.00
Fred B. Place, services,	2.00
F. P. Bunker, services,	3.00
M. E. Vincent, services,	4.00
M. C. Hoyle, services,	4.00
E. G. Eldridge, services,	4.00
W. C. Ripley, services,	4.00
E. E. Landers, printing,	179.50
D. J. McBride, carting,	1.75

 \$300.75

Appropriation,

200.00

Overdrawn,

 \$100.75

TREE WARDEN'S EXPENSE.

George Frye, labor,	\$18.00
D. J. McBride, cartage,	2.00

 \$20.00

Appropriation,

25.00

Unexpended,

 \$5.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Harold E. Jordan, services,	\$100.00
Appropriation,	100.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES EXPENSE.

H. S. Look, supplies,	\$5.25
D. J. McBride,	7.00
E. E. Landers, printing,	6.00
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	\$18.25
Appropriation,	40.00
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Unexpended,	\$21.75

POLICE.

Fred B. Place,	\$539.00
Ernest H. Ricketson,	337.25
Harry T. Webb,	59.25
Terrence O'Brien,	309.25
Walter Gove,	333.25
Charles Benson,	4.00
George H. Phillips,	8.00
Francis Moran,	8.00
Joseph McDonald,	8.00
M. C. Hoyle,	8.00
Chas. A. Joy,	8.00
M. J. Keegan,	8.00
William Maury,	8.00
Harold E. Jordan,	8.00
David J. McBride,	8.00
Howard C. Carter,	8.00
Charles A. Williams,	4.00
Walter L. Besse,	8.00
Samuel McDonald,	8.00
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	\$1,782.00
Appropriation,	2,000.00
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Unexpended,	\$218.00

POLICE EXPENSES.

Lee Farnham, Sign,	\$2.50
O. B. Transfer Co., cartage,	3.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	30.18
Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Co., supplies,	39.78
E. E. Landers, stationery,	9.50
George Frye, general cleaning,	7.50
W. E. Sanford, badges,	15.75
Fred B. Place, postage,	2.00
Fred B. Place, use of car,	19.00
E. P. Worth, M. D., rent,	60.00
William A. Harding, signs,	5.00
Guy B. Fitts, use of auto,	1.00
Howard Mackay, supplies,	2.75
Harry T. Webb, use of auto,	8.00

 \$205.96

Appropriation,	100.00
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Overdrawn,	\$105.96
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NIGHT WATCH.

Harry T. Webb, services,	\$1,481.86
Appropriation,	1,464.00
Overdrawn,	\$17.86

DOG OFFICER.

Harry T. Webb, services,	\$5.00
Appropriation,	\$5.00

CARE FIRE ALARM BATTERY.

James L. Pratt, services,	\$150.00
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Vineyard Lighting Co., supplies,	8.50
Gamewell Fire Alarm, supplies,	12.25

 \$170.75

Appropriation,	200.00
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 \$29.25

STEWARD OF STEAMER HOUSE.

M. W. Silvia, services,	\$18.75
Joseph Metell, services,	25.00
Eugene Joy, services,	5.00

 \$48.75

Appropriation,	75.00
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 \$26.25

STEWARD OF HOSE NO. 1.

Harry T. Webb, services,	\$35.00
Appropriation,	\$35.00

STEWARD OF HOSE NO. 2.

Fred F. Ames, services,	\$25.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00

STEWARD OF HOSE NO. 3.

Clement Amarel, services,	\$25.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00

STEWARD OF HOSE NO. 4.

Joseph Henry, services,	\$25.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00

FUEL AND LIGHTS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. S. Look, supplies,	\$4.20
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Vineyard Lighting Co.,	90.42
Crowell, Cleveland Co.,	52.95
Joseph Rose,	12.00
D. J. Barney,	70.44
John Tarvis, wood,	7.50

 \$237.51

Appropriation,	300.00
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Unexpended,	\$62.49
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HYDRANT RENTAL.

Cottage City Water Co.,	\$2,450.00
Appropriation,	\$2,450.00

NEW HOSE.

Appropriation,	\$400.00
Unexpended,	\$400.00

REBUILDING FIRE ALARM.

Phillips Wire Co., supplies,	\$550.94
Bunker Bros., freight and cartage,	29.81
Gamewell Fire Alarm, supplies,	142.32
Pratt Bros., labor and stock,	493.77
Wetmore, Savage Co., supplies,	289.54

 \$1,506.38

Appropriation,	1,200.00
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Overdrawn,	\$306.38
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CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

H. S. Look, supplies,	\$1.50
T. O'Brien, services,	2.50
Pratt Bros., labor,	94.48
Fred F. Ames, watching fire,	4.00

H. W. Carter, watching fire,	4.00
Walter Besse, watching fire,	4.00
Frank Nettleton, watching fire	4.00
Cottage City Water Co.,	52.67
Fred Metell, supplies,	.27
George Alley, supplies	1.42
M. V. C. M. Ass'n, rental	12.15
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	4.75
Frank Medeiros, stock and labor,	40.30
Gamewell Fire Alarm Co., freight,	1.75
R. D. Robinson, supplies,	8.00
William Norton, Jr., repairs	2.00
Harold Totten, services,	3.00
Gile Amanicio, services,	3.00
George Alley, hauling apparatus,	10.50
Fred Church, hauling apparatus,	3.00
O. B. Transfer Co., hauling apparatus,	7.50
A. E. Silvia, Jr., hauling apparatus,	3.00
E. J. Silvia, hauling apparatus,	12.00
M. C. Hoyle, hauling apparatus,	3.00
R. Phillips, hauling apparatus,	3.00
C. H. Morris, hauling apparatus,	1.00
Joseph Peters, hauling apparatus,	3.00
C. W. Norton, hauling apparatus,	3.00
H. S. Look, hauling apparatus,	3.00
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	\$295.79
Appropriation,	450.00
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Unexpended,	\$154.21

BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

Salaries,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

CHIEF ENGINEER.

R. D. Robinson, services,	\$16.67
F. W. Smith, services,	33.33

 \$50.00

Appropriation,	\$50.00
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CLERK OF BOARD OF ENGINEERS.

F. O. Matthews, services,	\$3.33
H. A. Eddy, services,	6.67

 \$10.00

Appropriation,	\$10.00
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SALARIES OF FIREMEN.

Hydrant Hose No. 1,	\$127.51
Highland Hose No. 2,	116.82
Hose No. 3,	110.00
Hose No. 4,	100.00
Steamer Company,	125.00
Hook and Ladder Co.,	142.50

 \$721.83

Appropriation,	900.00
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Unexpended,	\$178.17
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ENGINEER OF STEAMER.

S. E. McDonald, services,	\$75.00
Appropriation,	\$75.00

FIREMAN OF STEAMER.

M. W. Silvia,	\$3.75
Appropriation,	15.00

Unexpended,	\$11.25
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SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM BATTERIES.

James L. Pratt, services,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

MOTH EXTERMINATION.

David J. McBride, labor,	\$185.87
David J. McBride, use of car,	31.00
Clarence W. Norton, labor,	20.00
Clarence W. Norton, use of car,	10.00
John Florio, labor,	43.00
Paul Florio, labor,	41.00
Terrence O'Brien, labor,	4.00
George Frye, labor,	2.00
Frank Young, labor,	108.00
William R. Silvia, labor,	30.00
Manuel P. Silvia, labor,	17.50
I. M. Studley, use of auto,	1.50
H. S. Look, supplies,	81.75
O. B. Transfer Co., carting,	7.00
C. C. Water Co., water for spray,	3.21
E. E. Landers, printing,	16.75
Clement Ameral, Jr., labor,	5.00
Gussie Ameral, labor,	62.50

 \$670.08

Appropriation,	500.00
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Overdrawn,	\$170.08
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HARBOR MASTER.

M. H. Manchester, services,	\$12.50
S. M. Fisher, services,	12.50

 \$25.00

Appropriation,	\$25.00
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HARBOR MASTER'S EXPENSE.

M. H. Manchester, labor,	\$2.50
S. M. Fisher, labor,	34.00
E. C. Lord, supplies,	15.03
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	\$51.58
Appropriation,	50.00
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Overdrawn,	\$1.58

HEALTH AND SANITATION.**BOARD OF HEALTH.**

E. G. Eldridge, services,	\$25.00
David Heatley,	25.00
W. C. Ripley,	25.00
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	\$75.00
Appropriation,	\$75.00

BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES.

City of Somerville, contagious cases,	\$32.14
Manuel W. Silvia, contagious cases,	72.00
John Vierra, contagious cases,	54.00
Edward J. Silvia, contagious cases,	24.00
H. T. Dean, M. D., services,	25.00
George H. Bernard, services,	15.00
George H. Bernard, use of auto,	16.50
Joseph A. Silvia, use of auto,	4.75
S. E. McDonald, use of auto,	5.00
John Ferguson, services,	4.00
Fred B. Place, services,	2.00
H. Carlton Smith, services,	15.00
Amos Haskins, services,	1.00
H. S. Look, supplies,	13.20

Fred Metell, stock and labor,	51.81
George Sieben, services,	19.00
David Heatley, expense and services,	103.00
William Norton, repairs,	21.00

 \$478.46

Appropriation,	200.00
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Overdrawn,	\$278.46
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ANIMAL INSPECTOR.

Frank W. Chase, services,	\$25.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

Reuben Phillips, services,	\$25.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00

COLLECTION OF SWILL AND GARBAGE.

George H. Bernard, contract,	\$649.00
Unexpended,	101.00
Appropriation,	\$750.00

CARE OF DUMP.

Alfred A. Silva, labor,	\$71.25
Manuel Costa, labor,	49.00
Overdrawn,	\$120.25
Appropriation,	45.25
	\$75.00

HIGHWAYS

STREET SWEEPING.

Jules Swartz, labor,	\$8.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	442.00
Antone Andrada, labor,	404.00
A. E. Wordell, supplies,	28.00
William Norton, repairs,	1.25
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	883.25
Appropriation,	750.00
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Overdrawn,	\$133.25

BARNES ROAD.

Fischer Bros., supplies,	\$3.90
Joseph D. Silvia, auto hire,	8.00
Bunker Bros., freight and cartage,	4.75
Dunbar Norton, team,	13.50
J. C. Hamblin, team,	13.50
Joseph Rose, team,	52.00
John Peters, team,	3.00
Antone D. Silvia, labor,	50.00
Joseph Cardoza, labor,	32.00
John Ferriera, labor,	16.00
David J. McBride, labor,	4.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	24.00
Charles Freeman, labor,	12.00
Marien Ameral, labor,	8.00
E. R. Smith, labor,	15.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	20.00
Manuel Estrella, labor,	24.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	12.00
Albert Silvia, labor,	20.00
Joseph Mills, labor,	16.00
Antone D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	16.00

Manuel Enos, labor,	12.00
Joseph Martin, labor,	6.00
Otis Roderick, labor,	4.00
Joseph Nenry, labor,	4.00
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	4.00

 \$397.65

Appropriation,	500.00
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Unexpended,	\$102.35
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REPAIRS TO FARM NECK ROAD.

Antone D. Silvia, labor,	\$25.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	16.00
Manuel Enos, labor,	8.00
John Vierra, labor,	8.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	20.00
A. D. Silvía, Jr., labor,	20.00
Manuel Ben David, labor,	4.00
William Rise, labor,	4.00
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	4.00
Manuel Ferrierra, labor,	8.00
John Medeiros, labor,	8.00
Joseph Peters, labor,	8.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	4.00
Gussie Ameral, labor,	4.00
Joseph D. Silvia, labor,	8.00
Joe S. Duart, labor,	8.00
F. W. Chase, teaming,	30.00
F. W. Chase, loam,	5.70
J. C. Hamblin, teaming,	20.00
B. C. Smith, teaming,	20.00
B. C. Smith, loam,	23.00
Clarence W. Norton, teaming,	64.00
John DeCosta, teaming,	21.00

Joe S. Duarte, teaming,	20.00
Joe Rose, teaming,	40.00
R. A. Bunker, teaming,	32.00
N. D. Webb, teaming,	32.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, loam,	21.00

 \$485.70

Appropriation,	500.00
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Unexpended,	\$ 14.30
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DIRT ROADS.

Antone D. Sylvia, labor,	\$42.50
Jules Swartz, labor,	30.50
Joe Cardoza, labor	28.50
Alfred Silvia, labor,	14.50
Manuel Estrella, labor,	14.50
Joe Mills, labor,	18.50
Isaac Simons, labor,	6.50
John Vierra, labor,	22.50
Antone D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	30.50
Joseph Perry, labor,	14.50
John Green, labor,	14.50
Manuel Nunes, labor,	18.50
Manuel Enos, labor,	12.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	12.00
John Rose, labor,	18.50
Joseph Duarte, labor,	28.00
John Medeiros, labor,	8.00
Clement Ameral, labor,	4.00
Alton Bunker, labor,	4.00
Paul Florio, labor,	4.00
Joseph D. Silvia, labor,	6.00
Bunker Bros., teaming,	77.57
David J. McBride, teaming,	42.00

John Pineiro, teaming,	12.00
John H. Hughes, teaming,	58.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, teaming,	31.50
John DeCosta, teaming,	21.00
C. F. James, teaming,	4.50
J. C. Hamblin, teaming,	23.00
C. W. Norton, teaming,	40.00
Joe Rose, teaming,	67.50
J. H. Crowell, surveying,	31.50
F. W. Chase, loam,	67.50
H. S. Look, supplies,	5.35
E. E. Landers, loam,	40.00
Frank Madeiros, stock and labor	23.19
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	\$897.11
Appropriation,	700.00
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Overdrawn,	\$197.11

BULKHEADS AND BRIDGES.

Antone D. Silvia, labor,	\$12.50
E. Roland Smith, labor,	12.50
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	8.00
Marien Ameral, labor,	4.00
Joseph Cardoza, labor,	8.00
John Ferrierra, labor,	8.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	10.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	4.00
Charles Freeman, labor,	4.00
Manuel Estrella, labor,	4.00
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	2.00
Antone D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	4.00
Joseph, Tarvis, labor,	4.00
Joseph D. Silvia, auto hire,	16.00
Greene & Wood, lumber,	107.00

F. O. Tilton, lumber,	14.60
Jule Ben David, freight and cartage,	9.75
S. M. Mayhew Co., supplies,	3.05
H. S. Look, supplies,	.67
C. A. Church, supplies,	78.75

 \$314.82

Appropriation,	400.00
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Unexpended,	\$85.18
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SPECIAL BULKHEAD.

Antone D. Silvia, labor,	\$30.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	22.00
Joseph Cardoza, labor,	22.00
M. Frates, labor,	22.00
J. O. Perry, labor,	20.00
F. Campos, labor,	20.00
M. P. Silvia, labor,	24.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	24.00
Gus Ameral, labor,	20.00
W. Purdy, labor,	12.00
E. Wentworth, labor,	12.00
G. Simons, labor,	14.00
W. Rose, labor,	12.00
J. DeCosta, labor,	12.00
J. Mills, labor	8.00
M. Gonsalves, labor,	12.00
O. Roderick, labor,	20.00
N. D. Webb, use of auto,	32.00
C. W. Norton, use of auto,	32.00
D. J. McBride, use of auto,	50.00
F. W. Chase, use of team,	20.00
H. C. Luce, use of team,	10.00
C. W. Norton, stone,	170.25
Bunker Bros., stone,	140.25

J. C. Hamblin, stone,	92.00
George Bernard, stone,	183.75
Joseph D. Silvia, use of auto,	5.00
Guy B. Fitts, use of auto,	2.00
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	25.35
F. O. Tilton, supplies,	111.51
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	\$1,180.11

REPAIRS TO CONCRETE.

Antone D. Silvia, labor,	\$407.50
Manuel Nunes, labor,	52.00
Joseph Cardoza, labor,	304.50
Manuel Estrella, labor,	24.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	310.50
Manuel Enos, labor,	95.75
Joe Mills, labor,	4.00
Albert Silvia, labor,	4.00
Alfred Silvia, labor,	10.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	30.00
Antone D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	98.00
John Vierra, labor,	203.00
Manuel Ferrierra, labor,	304.50
John Silvia, labor,	8.00
Joseph Oliver, labor,	12.00
John Peters, labor,	222.50
John Madeiros, labor,	36.00
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	12.00
Louis Spencer, labor,	6.00
George Wormley, labor,	40.00
John DeCosta, labor,	67.50
Frank L. Lynch, labor,	84.00
John Rose, labor,	8.00
J. O. Perry, labor,	18.00
Frank Campos, labor,	30.00
Frank Madeiros, labor,	20.00

Joseph Peters, labor,	28.00
Joseph D. Silvia, labor,	32.00
Antone Swartz, labor,	28.00
Joseph Tarvis, labor,	8.00
The Barrett Co., supplies,	247.96
Independent Coal Tar Co., supplies,	70.72
Citizen's Gas, E. & Power Co., supplies,	477.50
N. B. Gas & Electric Co., supplies,	313.36
H. S. Look, supplies,	8.76
A. E. Wordell, supplies,	15.50
George Alley, supplies,	6.14
Antone Alley, supplies,	1.52
Cronig Bros., supplies,	1.20
I. D. Sherwood, supplies,	5.64
N. B., M. V. & N. S. Co., freight,	30.73
Antone D. Silvia, freight,	32.13
C. F. James, freight and cartage,	134.99
Brad Manchester, carting,	30.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	14.37
John C. Hamblin, use of team,	193.00
Manuel Enos, use of team,	33.75
Clarence W. Norton, use of team,	7.00
John DeCosta, use of team,	185.50
Bunker Bros., use of team,	255.50
E. A. Dayton,, use of auto,	3.75
F. W. Smith, expenses,	14.72
Frank Murphy, fuel,	11.25
N. B. Boiler & Machine Co., repairs,	83.79
Joseph Peters, tar dipper,	2.50
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	\$4,729.03
Appropriation,	1,600.00
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Overdrawn,	\$3,129.03

SUNSET LAKE.

Antone D. Silvia, labor,	\$20.00
Joseph M. Cardoza, labor,	8.00
Manuel Estrella, labor,	8.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	8.00
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	8.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	34.00
John Rose, labor,	8.00
John Ferriera, labor,	8.00
Antone D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	8.00
Clement Ameral, labor,	4.00
J. H. Hughes, cartage,	14.00
O. B. O. B. Transfer, cartage,	1.50
A. & P. Tea Co., supplies,	2.40
M. R. Charves, supplies,	55.25
M. S. DeBettencourt, sand and stone,	16.50
J. C. Hamblin, sand and stone,	20.00
M. S. Brown, sand and stone,	7.92
F. W. Chase, sand and stone,	15.76
William Norton, repairs,	2.75

 \$251.08

Appropriation,

400.00

Unexpended,

 \$148.92
REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Antone D. Silvia, labor,	\$121.50
John C. Hamblin, teams,	69.00
George H. Bernard, teams,	7.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, team,	8.00
Oak Bluffs Transfer, team,	72.00
Joseph Rose, team	7.00
Hosea S. Look, supplies,	33.25
William Norton, repairs,	1.25

George H. Bernard, labor,	4.00
George Wormley, labor,	19.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	30.50
John J. Florio, labor,	31.50
Paul Florio, labor,	17.50
Joseph Mills, labor,	16.00
Alton Bunker, labor,	6.00
John Greene, labor,	8.50
Eugene Cochran, labor,	3.00
William Rose, labor,	7.00
William Bernard, labor,	5.00
Clement Amaral, Jr., labor,	9.00
Fred Church, labor,	3.00
Frank Alley, labor,	5.00
Antone D. Sylvia, Jr., labor,	21.00
Joseph P. Sylvia, labor,	14.00
Manuel Rose, labor,	27.00
Louis Spencer, labor,	16.00
Joseph Peters, labor,	18.50
Joseph Henry, labor,	18.00
John Ferierra, labor,	57.00
John DeCosta, labor,	30.00
John Tarvis, labor,	9.00
Gussie Amarel, labor,	3.50
Joseph G. Pachico, Jr.,	3.00
Manuel P. Silvia, labor,	4.00
Bennie Amarel, labor,	3.50
Frank Campos, labor,	4.50
Manuel Nunes, labor,	4.50
Joseph Lawrence, labor,	10.00
John Pimental, labor,	25.00
John Viera, labor,	12.00
Joseph Francis, labor,	5.00
Joseph Metell, labor,	8.00
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	19.00

Antone Andrada, labor,	17.00
Manuel Swartz, labor,	25.50
Joe Cardoza, labor,	27.00
William Amarel, labor,	7.00
Joseph Amarel, labor,	9.00
William Campbell, labor,	5.00
Terrence O'Brien, labor,	16.00
James Cardoza, labor,	6.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	17.00
Thomas Lewis, labor,	7.00
Manuel DeCosta, labor,	32.50
Albert Earle, Jr., labor,	9.00
John Pineiro, labor,	2.00
Marien Amaral, labor,	9.00
Gele Amancio, labor,	36.50
Joseph Perry, labor,	16.00
Alton Smith, labor,	10.00
Antone Swartz, labor,	6.00
Harry C. Luce, labor,	14.25
Manuel Estrella, labor,	6.00
Edward J. Silvia, labor,	8.00
Manuel Florio, labor,	13.50
Joseph Andrews, labor,	6.00
Manuel S. Duarte, labor,	12.50
Joseph S. Duarte, labor,	38.50
Calvin Reed, labor,	5.50
Frank Silvia, labor,	3.00
George Frye, labor,	2.00
Francis Bernard, labor,	9.00
Ernest Martin, labor,	8.00
Richard Madeiros, labor,	3.00
Gussie Ben David, labor,	16.00
Manuel Pachico, labor,	8.00
John Silvia, labor,	4.00
Manuel Machado, labor,	4.00

John Rose, labor,	4.00
Manuel S. Brown, labor,	10.00
George W. Purdy, labor	6.50
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	\$1,237.25
Appropriation,	200.00
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Overdrawn,	\$1,037.25

CHARITIES

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sundry Persons, board and lodging,	\$3,085.27
O. E. Denniston, rent,	12.00
Manuel Perry, auto hire,	4.00
Edward Dayton, auto hire,	7.00
Joseph D. Silvia, auto hire,	5.00
George Frye, services,	6.50
George Alley, supplies,	56.33
Antone Alley, supplies,	12.61
Est. W. D. Harding, supplies,	26.78
Allan Kenniston, supplies,	65.82
J. Brickman, supplies,	3.00
D. J. Barney, fuel,	5.10
Crowell, Cleveland Co., fuel,	41.40
F. O. Matthews, supplies,	5.50
C. F. Lane, services,	94.00
Hinckley & Renear, services,	45.00
Howard Mackay, supplies,	1.80
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	\$3,477.11
Appropriation,	2,800.00
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Overdrawn,	\$677.11

STATE AID.

Sundry Persons,	\$336.00
Appropriation,	350.00
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Unexpended,	\$14.00

MILITARY AID.

Sundry Persons,	\$48.00
Appropriations,	\$48.00

SCHOOLS**SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SALARIES.**

C. P. Hayden, services,	\$50.00
H. S. Look, services,	50.00
M. E. Vincent, services,	50.00
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	\$150.00
Appropriation,	\$150.00

SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S SECRETARY.

Minnie E. Vincent, services,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY.

R. W. Martin, services,	\$645.43
Appropriation,	700.00
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Unexpended,	\$54.57

SCHOOL EXPENSES AND REPAIRS.

American Book Co., supplies,	\$23.86
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	249.48
C. M. Parker Publishing Co., supplies,	1.87
Mass. Child Labor Com.,	2.00
National Geographical Society, supplies,	2.75
Houghton, Mifflin Co., supplies,	2.40
Edward E. Babb Co., supplies,	252.85

A. F. Leonard, supplies,	58.99
Silver, Burdett Co., supplies,	29.41
D. H. Knowlton Co., supplies,	1.96
Ginn & Co., supplies,	22.39
University Press, supplies,	6.97
New Method Varnish Co., supplies,	6.00
Continental Scale Works, supplies,	31.50
J. B. Lippincott Co., supplies,	43.56
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co., supplies,	24.69
Domestic Mills, Supplies,	67.07
N. E. Public Service, supplies,	24.75
Howard & Brown, supplies,	2.28
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., supplies,	4.35
Allyn & Bacon, supplies,	10.24
Milton Bradley Co., supplies,	19.79
Howard Mackay, supplies,	4.80
American Book Co., supplies,	.91
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	29.25
Vineyard Lighting Co., light,	12.49
J. H. Hughes, stock and labor,	19.60
Crowell Cleveland Co., fuel,	380.86
Eldridge & White, insurance,	287.50
R. W. Martin, expenses etc.,	85.17
Est. S. N. Kidder, repairs,	5.20
O. B. Transfer, cartage,	7.66
John Miller, services,	1.00
M. E. Vincent, postage,	.85
F. O. Tilton, supplies,	2.23
H. S. Look, supplies,	.75
Crowell, Cleveland Co., fuel,	636.64
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Appropriation,	\$2,364.09
	1,500.00
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Overdrawn,	\$864.09

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL.

H. S. Look, supplies,	\$93.32
Mrs. A. C. Smith, supplies,	19.02
Est. W. D. Harding, supplies,	2.18
R. Phillips, supplies,	3.86
I. D. Sherwood, supplies,	5.98
C. A. Williams, supplies,	1.20
William C. MacNeil,	9.53
Vineyard Lighting Co., light,	9.87

 \$144.96

Appropriation,

 \$1,200.00

Unexpended,

 \$1,055.04

**SCHOOLS AND TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS
AND EVENING SCHOOLS.**

Teachers' salaries,	\$12,019.21
Teachers' retirement fund,	523.25
N. D. Webb, transportation,	480.00
C. W. Norton, transportation,	266.00
Joseph A. Perry, janitor,	440.04
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Joseph Perry, truant officer,	30.00
Joseph A. Perry, truant officer,	30.00
Merion Ameral, janitor,	292.50

 \$14,051.00

Appropriation,

 13,700.00

Overdrawn,

 \$351.00
SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

Appropriation,

\$25.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

H. J. Greene, rent,		\$150.00
Eldridge & White, insurance,		22.50
Vineyard Lighting Co., light,		45.78
C. C. Water Co., water,		10.00
Crowell, Cleveland Co., fuel,		4.13
D. J. Barney, fuel,		15.95
M. C. Gorham, services,		292.00
E. G. Eldridge, services,		16.00
Fred Metell, services,		6.98
Frank Madeiros, services,		5.42
Clement Ameral, services,		8.00
Manuel Rodgers, cartage,		2.00
Manuel Machado, labor,		.50
Howard Mackay, supplies,		163.79
H. H. Wilson Co., supplies,		7.00
H. S. Look, supplies,		4.50
George Alley, supplies,		.24
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		\$754.79
Appropriation,	\$600.00	
Dog Tax,	61.64	661.64
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Overdrawn,		\$93.15

PUBLIC PARKS.

Thomas A. McGrath, team,	\$14.00
Thomas A. McGrath, labor,	32.00
John Gomes, labor,	32.00
Clarence Norton, labor,	16.00
Frank Alley, labor,	12.00
John Duart, labor,	88.00
Manuel Swartz, labor,	8.00
Amos Silvia, labor,	4.00
Frank Young, labor,	16.00

Gussie Ameral, labor,	23.00
Antone Swartz, labor,	32.00
William Collins, labor,	28.00
Antone Silvia, labor,	8.00
John C. Hamblin, mowing,	37.00
C. C. Water Co., water,	16.00
H. S. Look, supplies,	21.75
Pratt Bros., stock and labor,	9.21

 \$393.96

Appropriation,

400.00

Unexpended,

\$5.04

OCEAN, HARTFORD AND WABAN PARKS SPECIAL PARK COMMISSION.

Thomas A. McGrath, express,	\$1.80
Thomas A. McGrath, team,	28.50
Thomas A. McGrath, labor,	144.00
John W. McGrath, labor,	10.00
John Gomes, labor,	444.00
Clarence Norton, labor,	24.00
John Duart, labor,	170.00
Frank Alley, labor,	12.00
Gussie Ameral, labor,	96.00
Frank Young, labor,	80.00
Manuel Swartz, labor,	80.00
Antone Swartz, labor,	176.00
Gile Amancio, labor,	56.00
Joseph Andrews, labor,	24.00
Joseph Mills, labor,	12.00
Manuel Costa, labor,	40.00
Antone Ameral, labor,	4.00
William Collins, labor,	4.00
Antone Silvia, labor,	8.00
Two men, labor,	70.00

Murray, Florist, supplies,	444.20
Owen's Greenhouse, supplies,	326.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, mowing,	24.00
J. C. Hamblin, mowing,	26.00
C. C. Water Co., water,	124.25
Vineyard Lighting Co., light,	48.60
Frank Madeiros, stock and labor,	13.02
N. B., M. V. & N. SS. Co., freight,	15.95
T. L. Williston, supplies,	20.00
H. S. Look, supplies,	47.50
Manuel S. Brown, cartage,	3.00

 \$2,576.82

Appropriation,	2,500.00
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Overdrawn,	\$76.82
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AMUSEMENTS AND BASEBALL.

J. B. Billings, treas., for band,	\$700.00
J. B. Billings, treas., Baseball,	300.00

 \$1,000.00

Appropriation,	\$1,000.00
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SEA VIEW AVENUE SIDEWALK.

John H. Crowell, surveying,	\$32.01
Philip J. Norton, services,	3.35

 \$35.36

PUBLIC SANITARIES.

Holmes, Luce Co., supplies,	\$78.50
Ray Wells, rent,	100.00
Fred Metell, stock and labor,	2,347.25
H. S. Look, supplies,	18.45
Howard Mackay, supplies,	21.03

William G. Manter, plans, etc.,	7.23
William A. Harding, painting,	7.00
David J. McBride, cartage,	1.00
George Frye, services,	122.00
C. C. Water Co., water,	59.00

 \$2,761.03

Appropriation,	3,000.00
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Unexpended,	\$238.97
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STREET LIGHTING.

Vineyard Lighting Co.,	\$5,515.45
Appropriation,	5,450.00
Overdrawn,	\$65.45

CEMETERIES.

John Rose, labor,	\$ 13.00
Eugene Cockran, labor,	398.00
Daniel Zwicker, labor,	270.00
John W. McGrath, labor,	12.50
Two men, labor,	80.00
Antone D. Silvia, labor	25.00
Antone D. Silvia, tar,	107.50
Jules Swartz, labor,	20.00
Manuel Ferrierra, labor,	20.00
Gussie Ameral,	20.00
Joseph Cardoza, labor,	16.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	20.00
Antone D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	20.00
John DeCosta, team,	28.00
John C. Hamblin, team,	9.00
William Norton, repairs,	3.75
Emery N. Noyes, supplies,	56.00

Studley Coffee Co., fertilizer,	25.13
Thomas A. McGrath, supplies,	31.50
H. S. Look, supplies,	19.00
Ethel Stockton, typing,	10.00
John D. Baird, stock and labor,	505.00

	\$1,709.38
Appropriation,	1,000.00

Overdrawn,	\$709.38
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PRINTING TOWN REPORTS.

E. E. Landers, printing,	\$177.00
Appropriation,	200.00
Unexpended,	\$23.00

ADVERTISING FUND.

O. B. Board of Trade,	\$150.00
O. B. Association,	150.00
	\$300.00
Appropriation,	\$300.00

WELCOME HOME COMMITTEE.

Vineyard Lighting Co., light,	\$4.50
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COURT FEES.

Harry T. Webb,	\$5.39
District Court,	5.46
Fred B. Place,	20.74
Antone S. Andrews,	17.98
Samuel McDonald,	35.70
Charles H. Brown,	15.00
	\$100.27

MEMORIAL DAY.

Henry Clay Wade Post,	\$35.00
Appropriation,	\$35.00

REIMBURSE SACRED HEART PARISH.

Sacred Heart Church,	\$134.40
Appropriation,	\$134.40

RESERVE FUND.

Frank Madeiros, stock and labor,	\$19.75
Fred Metell, stock and labor,	16.32
Robert D. Robinson, stock and labor,	5.00
Est. S. N. Kidder, stock and labor,	7.05
John H. Hughes, stock and labor,	2.70
William Norton, repairs,	10.00
W. E. Sanford, badges,	10.00
E. E. Landers, printing,	21.00
Abner L. Braley, services,	10.00
Yawman & Erbe, supplies,	58.75
John B. Billings, expenses,	14.92
H. J. Greene, expenses,	14.92
Nathan D. Webb, expenses,	14.92

 \$205.33

Appropriation,	1,000.00
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Unexpended,	\$794.67
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WATER SUIT

Choate, Hall & Stewart, services,	\$41.79
S. R. Wrightington, services,	645.62

 \$687.41

Appropriation,	\$687.41
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TOWN DEBT.

M. V. National Bank,	\$1,000.00
Appropriation,	2,000.00
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Unexpended,	\$1,000.00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

M. V. National Bank,	\$965.67
County Savings Bank, Chelsea,	180.00
Dr. C. S. Butler,	45.00
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	\$1,190.67
Appropriation,	1,200.00
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Unexpended,	\$9.33

STATE TAX.

Treasurer of Commonwealth,	\$7,709.76
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COUNTY TAX.

H. N. Hinckley, treasurer,	\$3,932.43
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LOANS.

M. V. National Bank, loans,	\$30,000.00
Paid,	\$30,000.00

RECAPITULATION

Unexpended...	Appropriation.	DEPARTMENTS	Expenditures...	Overdraft.....
		Salaries of Town Officers		
	\$2,025.00	and Bonds	\$2,025.00	
	610.00	Expenses of Town Officers	864.46	\$254.46
	200.00	Elections and Registrations	300.95	100.95
\$33.73	134.00	Court Fees	100.27	
190.00	2,000.00	Police Salaries	1,810.00	
	100.00	Police Expenses	205.96	105.96
29.14	1,464.00	Night Watch	1,434.86	
	5.00	Dog Officer	5.00	
	50.00	Board of Engineers	50.00	
	50.00	Chief of Board of Engineers	50.00	
	10.00	Clerk of Board of Engineers	10.00	
178.17	900.00	Firemen's Salaries	721.83	
	75.00	Engineer of Steamer No. 1	75.00	
11.25	15.00	Fireman of Steamer	3.75	
		Stewards of Engine Houses		
26.25	185.00	and Town Hall	158.75	
		Fuel and Lights, Fire De-		
62.49	300.00	partment	237.51	
		Contingent Expenses, Fire		
	450.00	Department	295.79	
154.21	2,450.00	Hydrant Rental	2,450.00	
4.00.00	400.00	New Hose	50.00	
25.00	75.00	Superintendent Fire Alarm	170.75	
29.25	200.00	Care Fire Alarm Batteries	1,506.38	306.38
	1,200.00	Rebuilding Fire Alarm		
		Harbor Master Salary and		
	75.00	Expenses	76.58	1.58
	500.00	Moth Extermination	670.08	170.08
		Board of Health, Salary and		
	275.00	Expense	673.29	398.29
	25.00	Animal Inspector	25.00	
	25.00	Inspector of Slaughtering	25.00	
	75.00	Care of Dump	120.25	45.25
		Collection of Swill and		
101.00	750.00	Garbage	649.00	
	750.00	Street Cleaning	883.25	133.25
85.18	400.00	Bulkheads and Bridges	314.82	
		Special Bulkhead	1,180.11	1,180.11
	1,600.00	Repairs to Concrete	4,729.03	3,129.03
	700.00	Repairs to Dirt Roads	897.11	197.11

Recapitulation—Continued

102.35	500.00	Repairs to Barnes Road	397.65	
14.30	500.00	Repairs to Farm Neck Road	485.70	
148.92	400.00	Repairs to Wall, Sunset Lake	251.08	
500.00	500.00	Concreting Nashawena Park		
125.00	125.00	New Dirt Roads		
250.00	250.00	Concreting Saco Ave.		
		Reimburse Sacred Heart		
	134.40	Parish	134.40	
	200.00	Snow Removal	1,264.97	1,064.97
	5,450.00	Street Lighting	5,515.45	65.45
	2,800.00	Support of Poor	3,477.11	677.11
14.00	350.00	State Aid	336.00	
	48.00	Soldier's Relief	48.00	
	600.00	Public Library	754.79	154.79
	200.00	School Committee's Salaries	200.00	
54.57	700.00	Superintendent's Salary	645.43	
		Schools and Transportation		
	13,700.00	of Scholars	14,051.00	351.00
		School Expenses and Re-		
	1,500.00	pairs	2,364.09	864.09
1,055.04	1,200.00	Vocational School	144.96	
25.00	25.00	School Physician		
6.04	400.00	Public Parks	393.96	
	2,500.00	Special Parks	2,576.82	76.82
		Sea View Ave. Sidewalk	35.36	35.36
	1,000.00	Amusements and Baseball	1,000.00	
	35.00	Memorial Day	35.00	
23.00	200.00	Printing Town Reports	177.00	
	300.00	Advertising Fund	300.00	
		Welcome Home Committee	4.50	4.50
	1,000.00	Cemetery Improvements	1,709.38	709.38
794.67	1,000.00	Reserve Fund	205.33	
9.33	3,200.00	Town Debt and Interest	3,190.67	
	687.41	Water Company Suit	687.41	
\$4,447.89	*\$57,577.81		\$63,155.84	\$10,052.92
5,578.93	5,578.03	Excess of Overdrafts		
\$10,025.92	\$63,155.84		\$63,155.84	\$10,025.92

Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS.

School building and land,	\$24,000.00
Town buildings and furnishings,	3,700.00
Lot on Pequot Avenue,	300.00
Land at Cemetery,	632.00
Vault at Cemetery,	500.00
Vault in Selectmen's room,	1,500.00
Bandstands,	500.00
Highland Hose house and lot,	750.00
Hose House No. 3,	300.00
Hose House No. 4,	300.00
Steam fire engine,	2,800.00
Hook and ladder truck,	1,200.00
Two hose wagons,	700.00
Four hose reels,	400.00
Hose, pipes and fixtures,	2,100.00
Fire alarm system,	3,500.00
Laid water pipes and mains,	4,000.00
Books in public library,	1,000.00
Trust funds,	7,494.59
Due from State Aid,	336.00
Dependent Mother's Act,	299.00
Inspector of Animals,	12.50
Salary Superintendent of Schools,	312.50
Tax titles,	533.64
Cash in treasury, Dec. 31, 1920,	1,382.01
Total assets,	\$58,552.24

LIABILITIES.

School house loan. (\$1,000.00 due Aug. 7, 1921).	\$4,000.00
Resurfacing Beach Road, (\$1,000.00 due Dec. 15, 1921),	4,000.00
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	\$8,000.00
Assets,	\$58,552.24
Liabilities,	8,000.00
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Excess of assets over liabilities,	\$50 552.24
Excess of assets, 1919,	\$45,623.11
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Increase of assets for the year,	\$4,929.13

TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS

Icabod Norton Trust Fund,	\$1,482.09
Rebecca Clark Trust Fund,	1,674.14
Mrs. A. K. Barbay Trust Fund,	3,000.00
M. H. Cornell Cemetery Trust Fund,	52.26
Julia Howell Cemetery Trust Fund,	26.10
Rebecca S. Bradford Cemetery Trust Fund,	150.00
Mary A. Beetle Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
S. L. Norton Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
Lucy J. Dix Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
C. W. Smith Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
A. S. Andrews Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
L. E. Phinney Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
L. S. Lewis Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
W. H. Davis Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
C. T. Luce Cemetery Trust Fund,	300.00
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	\$7,484.59

Auditor's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., Jan. 17, 1921.

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Oak Bluffs, Mass.:

Complying with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I herewith submit the Annual Report of the finances of the town for the year ending Dec. 31, 1920. I have examined the accounts of all the officers and committees who are entrusted with receipts, custody or expenditures of money and certify to their correctness to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT STUDLEY,

Auditor.

Report of Tax Collector

In account with E. H. Matthews, Collector of Taxes
for 1920.

Commitment on tax book for 1920, total,	\$68,977.51
Interest and cost collected,	186.46
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	\$69,163.97
Paid Treasurer,	\$68,134.01
Held by Town,	74.74
Abatements,	755.01
Cost for Collection,	113.50
Cash on hand,	86.71
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	\$69,163.97

My accounts are waiting for the examination by the
Assessors.

E. H. MATTHEWS,

Tax Collector.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1920,	\$1,788.80
Temporary Loans,	30,000.00
E. H. Matthews, taxes, 1919,	916.53
E. H. Matthews, taxes, 1920, .	68,010.52
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Income tax, 1917,	47.50
Income tax, 1918,	57.00
Income tax, 1919,	1,260.00
Income tax, 1920,	1,890.00
Dependent mothers,	281.65
Inspector of Animals,	12.50
Public Service Corporations,	247.68
School fund,	1,508.48
National Bank tax,	33.14
State Aid,	336.00
Soldiers' exemption,	66.70
Tuition of scholars,	117.00
	88.73
A. K. Barbey estate,	3,000.00
Cemtery Committee:	
Sale of lots,	403.00
Perpetual care,	300.00
Perpetual care, income,	45.21
Bureau of Standards, pedlar's licenses,	18.00
Sealer's fees,	22.23

Dog Fund,	61.64
Rent of Court Room,	75.00
Board of Selectmen, licenses,	495.00
District Court, fines,	134.00
Marthas Vineyard National Bank, interest,	64.53
M. S. DeBettencourt, sale of wheels,	10.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, sale of stored goods,	16.50
Refunds:	
Poor Department,	157.65
Police expense,	2.08
School expense,	2.90
Health expense,	14.00
Moth Department,	10.00
Treasurer's expense,	36.16
Redemption of property,	22.03
Income Rebecca Clark fund,	51.00
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	\$111,915.86

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on orders drawn by Board of Selectmen,	\$110,533.85
Balance in treasury,	1,382.01
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	\$111,915.86

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK W. SMITH,

Town Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report

RETURN OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING YEAR ENDING 1920.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
Feb. 11	Philip Gage Field	M	Seth Howard and Alma E.
March 16	Cooper Alleyane Gilkes, Jr.	M	Cooper A. and Elsie S.
May 26	— — Estrella	F	Manuel and Mary
June 1	— — Bernard	M	George H. and Mamie V.
July 10	Richard Herbert Davis	M	Ellis R. and Gladys E.
Aug. 20	Leslie — Holden	M	Lyle W. and Fannie C.
Sept. 30	— — Horne	F	William P. and Ella L.
Oct. 8	— — Pacheco	M	Joseph and Mary
Oct. 13	Catherine May Sylvia	F	Joseph A. and Lida R.
Oct. 8	Ralph Warren Landers	M	Ernest J. and Bessie
Aug. 11	Donald Cunniff	M	John M. and Annie A.
Nov. 5	Gerald Edward Pease	M	Albert and Marion B.
Dec. 14	Adelaide Spencer	F	Louis A. and Adelaide F.

MARRIAGES.

DATE	NAMES	RESIDENCE
Feb. 16	Joseph E. Martin	Oak Bluffs
	Mary Rosario Rose	New Bedford
April 7	Joseph A. Sylvia	Oak Bluffs
	Lida Swartz	Oak Bluffs
June 2	Peter Regan	Fall River
	Mary E. Mills	Oak Bluffs
July 15	Rollo Irale Brown	Winchendon
	Freda May Sibley	Winchendon
Aug. 1	Arthur S. Weeks	Falmouth
	Anita E. Oyarbide	Oak Bluffs
Sept. 1	James Kasper Chase	Providence
	Alice Howard Manchester	Providence
Sept. 6	Merion D. Ameral	Oak Bluffs
	Alexandrena R. Pacheco	Oak Bluffs
Sept. 18	Walter Jones, Jr.	Jersey City
	Alice Bradley	Oak Bluffs
Oct. 6	John F. Enos	Edgartown
	Nora J. Lyons	Edgartown
Oct. 5	Walter R. Gove	Oak Bluffs
	Winifred B. Appleby (Robinson)	Oak Bluffs
Oct. 12	Albert P. Andrews	Tisbury
	Marguerite H. Smith	Tisbury
Oct. 15	Albert James Parker	Acushnet
	Doris Cranston Eddy	Oak Bluffs
Oct. 20	William R. Ameral	Oak Bluffs
	Mary R. Mills	Oak Bluffs
Oct. 27	John Anthony DeBettencourt	Oak Bluffs
	Marion Julia Pacheco	Oak Bluffs
Nov. 22	Forrest Herbert Welch	Oak Bluffs
	Helen Marie Phillips	Oak Bluffs
Nov. 23	Manuel P. Medeiros	Oak Bluffs
	Catherine M. Connors	Oak Bluffs
Dec. 20	Frank F. Blankenship	Stamford, Conn.
	Doris Lee MacNeill	Oak Bluffs
Dec. 25	Edgar C. Currier	Oak Bluffs
	Margaret W. Cottle	Edgartown

DEATHS.

DATE	NAME.	SEX.	CAUSE OF DEATH.	AGE		
				Y.	M.	D.
Jan. 2	Joseph E. Terra	M.	Peritonitis	41	0	0
Jan. 15	Katherine Lyne Tripp	F.	Cardiac failure	82	0	0
Jan. 31	Walter Polk Phillips	M.	Diabetes Abdominal	73	7	17
Mar. 3	Frank Silvia Phillips	M.	Heart Disease	59	11	9
Mar. 8	Lewis Bragg	M.	Heart Disease	81	2	20
Mar. 17	Henry R. Corey	M.	Infantile Atrophy	—	9	5
April 8	John W. Vincent	M.	Heart Disease	42	0	0
April 21	Samuel N. Kidder	M.	Bronch-Pneumonia	54	10	27
April 24	Sarah Enos	F.	Lobar-Pneumonia	75	2	9
May 12	Frank Baptiste	M.	Auto Accident	15	5	0
May 26	— Eztrella	F.	Still Born	—	—	—
June 13	Isabella E. Bunker	F.	Myocarditis	67	9	6
June 23	Samuel E. A. Ripley	M.	Cerebral Hemorrhage	77	6	21
June 24	Maria K. Vincent	F.	Heart Disease	62	0	0
July 11	Richard H. Davis	M.	Premature Birth	—	—	2
July 15	Elvira M. Aldrich	F.	Acute Bronchitis	79	0	6
July 25	Sarah Mason	F.	Heart Disease	74	9	17
Aug. 8	Aley Farr	F.	Cerebral Hemorrhage	86	4	18
Aug. 28	Abbie E. Artler	F.	Cerebral Hemorrhage	78	6	13
Aug. 29	Dorcas C. Washburn	F.	Arterio-Sclerosis	78	1	18
Aug. 29	William Oliver	M.	Pulmonary Hemorrhage	3	10	16
Sept. 24	Isabella C. Silvia	F.	Child Birth	33	0	0
Sept. 26	Sarah E. Blankenship	F.	General Paralysis	52	2	16
Oct. 13	James A. Pratt	M.	Rheumatic Carditis	66	10	19
Nov. 16	James A. Woodward	M.	Myocarditis	79	7	15
Dec. 9	James L. Hall	M.	Myocarditis	70	9	13
Dec. 31	Adelaide Spencer	F.	Congenial Cordiac defect	—	—	17

SUMMARY.

The following are the statistics of births, marriages and deaths:

BIRTHS.

Whole number of births, 13. Males, 9; females, 4.

MARRIAGES.

Whole number of marriages, 18.

DEATHS.

Whole number of deaths, 27; Males, 14; Females, 13.

DOG TAX ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1920.

Whole number licensed, 93.

69 males, at \$2,	\$138.00
13 spayed females at \$2,	26.00
11 females at \$5,	55.00
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	\$219.00
Clerk's fees,	18.60
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	\$200.40
Paid to County Treasurer,	\$200.40

JOHN MILLER,

Town Clerk.

Free Public Library

To the Board of Trustees:

My annual report is herewith submitted.

During the year we have received gifts of books and magazines from Miss Bedell, Miss Fowler, Mrs. Anna Davis, Miss Brock, Prof. Leslie Miller, Mr. William Beer, Mrs. E. G. Eldridge, Mrs. Carrie Jordan, Mrs. D. W. Travis and Mrs. L. E. Dow. The loan of two tables by Mrs. Minnie E. Vincent was greatly appreciated.

While the circulation has shown a healthy growth in all departments we wish that the library could be more thoroughly known to every possible reader in Oak Bluffs.

The librarian wishes to express her appreciation to the trustees for their loyal support and to render thanks to all who have helped during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAE C. GORHAM,

Librarian.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Jan. 1, 1920, Cash on hand,	\$.27
Receipts from cards given and other sources,	65.11
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	\$65.38
Spent for books, stationery, catalogue supplies, etc.,	\$64.49
Cash on hand,	.89
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	\$65.38

EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE,

H. A. EDDY,

WALTER C. RIPLEY,

Trustees of Oak Bluffs Public Library.

Surveyor of Highways' Report.

To the Voters of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

At the last annual town meeting you again entrusted to my care and keeping the roads and avenues of the town. During the year I have been called upon to expend an unusually large amount for the upkeep of the avenues, owing to the severe weather of the early winter. The severe snow storms caused very material damage to our roads owing to their impassable condition. As you well remember for several weeks autos used just one track in our roads, with their heavy chains, which in many places caused great damage to the road bed.

The difficulty of securing material for work in sufficient quantities, with the high prices, made the annual appropriations insufficient to meet the costs. Acting under the advice of town counsel and to protect the town from law suits for damages from these conditions, I have endeavored to remedy these conditions and yet at the present time our avenues are far from being in a satisfactory condition.

The Highland Boulevard needs a thorough repairing, having had little attention since it was first constructed. Atlantic avenue from the New York wharf to the light house, while in a passable condition demands immediate attention in order to save what we have there, while many avenues need like attention.

The wall and sluiceway at Sunset Lake have been completed and I believe in such a manner as not to require further attention for some years.

Catch basins have been erected where ordered by the town, and I have just had built at the junction of Circuit avenue and Masonic avenue another basin which I feel sure will remedy the trying conditions that have been borne in that locality.

The severe storm of November undermined the sea wall at a point just north of the section which the State assisted fort is being made to secure aid from the Commonwealth in continuing the protection northward.

I would recommend that the appropriations for repairs be materially increased this year, and also that permanent repairs be made to New York avenue from Luce's corner toward town, by topcoating in a similar manner as was done from the Lagoon bridge through Temihegan avenue, and if necessary that the town issue bonds as was done with the last work.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE D. SILVIA,

Surveyor of Highways.

Report of Special Committee For Parks

EXPENSES OCEAN, HARTFORD AND WABAN PARKS.

1920.

June	1	Thomas A. McGrath, labor and freight as per bill rendered,	\$461.43
	22	Thomas A. McGrath, labor and plants as per bill rendered,	253.52
Aug.	6	John W. McGrath, labor, Waban Park, as per bill rendered,	145.00
	6	John C. Hamblin, labor, Waban Park, as per bill rendered,	16.00
	7	Thos. A. McGrath, labor, Ocean and Hartford Parks, as per bill rendered,	368.30
	31	Frank Maderias, plumbing on parks, as per bill rendered,	13.02
Sept.	2	Owen's Greenhouses, plants, Ocean and Hartford Parks, as per bill rendered,	326.00
	2	Murray, Florist, plants, Ocean and Hartford Parks, as per bill rendered,	444.20
	28	Thos. A. McGrath, labor, as per bill rendered,	236.00

	24	M. S. DeBettencourt, mowing, as per rendered,	24.00
	24	John C. Hamblin, mowing, as per bill rendered,	10.00
	24	John W. McGrath, labor, as per bill rendered,	70.00
	12	Cottage City Water Co., service 1189, as per bill rendered,	19.50
	12	Cottage City Water Co., service 1189, as per bill rendered,	1.50
	12	Cottage City Water Co., service 747, as per bill rendered,	2.25
	12	Cottage City Water Co., Waban Park, service 1021, as per bill rendered,	16.75
	12	Cottage City Water Co., service 951, as per bill rendered,	16.75
	12	Cottage City Water Co., service 308, as per bill rendered,	40.50
Oct.	27	Cottage City Water Co., service 237A, Hartford Park, as per bill rendered,	6.00
	27	Cottage City Water Co., service 433A, Hartford Park, as per bill rendered,	6.00
	27	Cottage City Water Co., service 660A, Hartford Park, as per bill rendered,	6.00
	27	Cottage City Water Co., service 43A, Ocean Park, as per bill rendered,	9.00
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			\$2,491.72
Apr.	3	Smith, Bodfish, Swift, seed as per bill rendered,	\$17.10
May	13	Bacon & Taplin, power mowing machine, as per bill rendered,	356.25
Aug.	1	Thos. F. Look, repairs bandstand, as per bill rendered,	20.00

July 13	Bacon & Taplin, mowing machine unit, as per bill rendered,	47.50
	Unexpended balance,	8.28

\$2,940.94

Town appropriation for parks,	\$2,500.00
Contributions,	440.94

\$2,940.94

On Tuckernuck Avenue from Naumkeag Avenue to Seaview Avenue, there should be installed five electric street lamps at once, and an appropriation made for this purpose.

I hope an appropriation will be made to maintain and improve Ocean, Hartford and Waban Parks.

I trust that these suggestions may be received in the same spirit in which they are offered, realizing that they are made for the advantage and benefit of Oak Bluffs and its citizens.

Yours very truly,

L. W. BESSE.

Report of Moth Superintendent

To the Selectmen of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Gentlemen:

Herewith the report of your Moth Superintendent for the past year. The conditions last year were very exceptional not only here but everywhere, (Vineyard Haven losing a large acreage of heavy timbered land at West Chop). Still, with the exception of one part of the town, we are cleaned up quite thoroughly, and that part is being cleaned up as fast as possible.

I would suggest that the town acquire a power sprayer similar to those now in use in the small towns of the Cape, believing that the spraying in the spring and the painting of the nests in the fall will rid the town of this pest. This system is now in use in all the towns of the Cape.

Yours very truly,

DAVID J. McBRIDE,

Moth Superintendent for the

Town of Oak Bluffs, Mass.

December 31, 1920.

Appended are a list of places which required more than should be necessary to clean up.

Oct. 14, Corson house, Hartford Park, 2 men, $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 1 quart creosote.

Oct. 15, 89 Penacook Avenue, 2 men, $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 2 quarts creosote.

Week of Oct. 23, M. V. C. M. Association, 3 men 3 days, 2 gallons creosote.

Week of Oct. 30, 3 men, 2 days, 2 gallons creosote.

Week of Nov. 13, 3 men, 3 days, 15 gallons creosote.

Yours very truly,

DAVID J. McBRIDE.

Report of Finance Committee

The following appropriations are recommended by the Finance Committee for the following year :

General Government :

Moderator,	\$15.00
Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor,	600.00
Clerk of Selectmen,	150.00
Selectmen's expenses,	200.00
Auditor's salary,	100.00
Expenses,	30.00
Treasurer's salary and bond,	420.00
Expenses,	25.00
Collector's salary and bond,	420.00
Expenses,	40.00
Assessor's salary,	300.00
Expenses,	100.00
Abatements,	300.00
Town Counsel,	75.00
Town Clerk's salary,	150.00
Expenses and fees,	150.00
Board of Registrar's salary,	75.00
Expenses,	200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	100.00
Expenses,	40.00
Tree Warden's expenses,	25.00
Protection of Persons and Property :	
Police, salary,	2,500.00

Expenses,	200.00
Night Watch,	1,450.00
Dog Officer,	5.00
Board of Engineers,	50.00
Clerk of Board of Engineers,	10.00
Chief Engineer,	50.00
Firemen,	800.00
Engineer of steamer,	75.00
Fireman of steamer,	15.00
Superintendent of Fire Alarm,	50.00
Care of fire alarm battery,	200.00
Steward of steamer house,	75.00
Steward of Hose 1,	35.00
Steward of Hose 2,	25.00
Steward of Hose 3,	25.00
Steward of Hose 4,	25.00
Fuel and lights,	300.00
Contingent expenses,	400.00
New hose,	400.00
Hydrant rental,	2,450.00
Harbor Master's salary,	50.00
Expenses,	50.00
Health and Sanitation:	
Board of Health, salary,	75.00
Expenses,	500.00
Collection of swill and garbage,	700.00
Care of dump,	75.00
Animal Inspector's salary,	50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, salary,	50.00
Public sanataries,	350.00
Street cleaning,	850.00
Highways:	
Bulkheads and bridges,	400.00
Repairs to concrete,	5,000.00
Repairs to dirt roads,	700.00

Repairs to Barnes road,	500.00
Repairs to Farm Neck road,	500.00
Repairing walls, Sunset Lake,	200.00
Snow,	200.00
Street lighting,	5,750.00
Catch basins,	600.00
Charities:	
Support of Poor,	2,500.00
Excess to be taken from Barbay fund.	
Soldiers' Benefits:	
State Aid,	350.00
Military Aid,	48.00
Libraries:	
Public Library,	600.00
Education:	
School Committee, salary,	150.00
Secretary's salary,	50.00
Superintendent's salary,	700.00
Schools, transportation and evening school,	15,000.00
Expenses and repairs,	1,500.00
School Physician,	25.00
Vocational education,	1,200.00
Recreation:	
Public Parks,	600.00
Ocean, Hartford and Waban Parks, special	
Park Commission,	2,500.00
Amusements and baseball,	1,000.00
Moth Extermination,	800.00
Cemeteries:	
Back water bill,	160.00
Care of cemetery,	1,000.00
Unclassified:	
Memorial Day,	35.00
Printing Town Reports,	200.00
Reserve fund,	1,000.00

Advertising fund,	300.00
Debt and Interest:	
Town debt,	2,000.00
Interest,	1,100.00
Total,	<hr/> \$35,850.00

The Finance Committee recommends:

That the town appropriate \$2,700.00 for the purchase of a motor driven combination chemical and hose truck.

That \$100.00 be appropriated for a new stove at the Selectmen's office.

That the town take some action in disposing of property now held for taxes.

That \$1,700.00 be appropriated for the purchase of the so-called Leonard house on Brunswick Avenue, consisting of the house and two lots, to be used for domestic science.

That the Governor Mayhew Legion be given the use of the Town Hall for a term of 10 years, they, to put in a new floor, a new ceiling, and re-plaster the side walls.

That the Selectmen be requested to lay out a way from Pennacook Avenue to Niantic Avenue.

That \$100.00 be appropriated for the placing of a fire alarm box on New York Avenue, between the residence of the late Eli Leighton and the Eastville Inn.

That the town appropriate \$5,000.00 for re-surfacing New York Avenue, from Luce's corner and come as far eastward as the money will allow.

That the sum of \$600.00 be appropriated for the purpose of widening Ocean Avenue, between Park and Grove Avenues, and to curb same.

HUBERT T. DEAN, Chairman.

M. CLAYTON HOYLE, Secretary.

Finance Committee

Term expires 1920:

ANTHONY J. RAUSCH,
FRANK F. RICE,
SAMUEL McDONALD,
FRED METELL,
FRED PLACE.

Term expires 1921:

FRANK P. BUNKER,
CHRISTOPHER S. LOOK,
WALTER E. SANFORD,
ROBERT D. LAIRD,
HUBERT T. DEAN.

Term expires 1922:

WILLIAM F. TRUEWORTHY
GEORGE ALLEY,
HAMILTON J. GREENE,
CHARLES A. JOY,
M. CLAYTON HOYLE.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DUKES COUNTY, SS.

To Either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Pastime Theatre, in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, the eighth day of February, A. D. 1921, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named town officers:

A Town Clerk for one year.

Three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for one year.

An Assessor for three years.

A Treasurer for one year.

An Auditor for one year.

A collector of Taxes for one year.

- A Member of the School Committee for three years.
- A Member of the Cemetery Committee for three years.
- A Surveyor of Highways for one year.
- A Park Commissioner for three years.
- Two Constables for one year.
- A Tree Warden for one year.

And to vote on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

The poles for the reception of votes for all the aforesaid officers and said question, will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, the ninth day of February, A. D. 1921, and will be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless a later hour be determined upon by the meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Auditor and other committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and appropriations for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see what action the Town will take relative to night watch.

Article 8. To see if the Town will fix the time for the payment of all taxes assessed, and will direct what rate of interest shall be demanded in case taxes are not paid at the time specified.

Article 9. To see if the town will direct the Assessors to remit all taxes as can not, in their judgment, be collected.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes that a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

Article 11. To see if the town will pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1922, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1922, and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year; any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1922.

Article 13. To see if the town will instruct the County Commissioners to enter into a contract with the Public Works Department for the reconstruction of the County Road from Edgartown to West Tisbury as a State Highway, one-half of the expense to be borne by the Commonwealth, the balance to be paid by the County.

Article 14. To see if the town will accept an electric column of five lights with globes complete, similar to those at present on Ocean Park to be donated by Mr. L. W. Besse, and will make an appropriation for the wiring and lighting of the same.

Article 15. To see what action the town will take in relation to the Comfort Station now situate on Waban Park.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to widen the roadway on Ocean Avenue between Park Avenue and

Grove Avenue and to curb the same with concrete curbing of a similar height and style to that on Ocean Park, and to appropriate \$600.00 therefor as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to continue the top-coating of New York Avenue eastward from Luce's corner, the same material and method of work to be employed as in the work from the Lagoon bridge to the starting point, and will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow the sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars for such work, the same to be payable in five years from the date of the first note: as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to purchase an American La France motor driven combination chemical and hose car, on Ford ton truck, to be kept in the Hydrant Hose house and operated from there; and to appropriate twenty-seven hundred dollars for the same, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to purchase the Leonard house and lots on Brunswick Avenue for the use of the vocational school and appropriate seventeen hundred dollars for the same as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to place a fire alarm box on New York Avenue between the residence of the late Eli Leighton and Eastville Inn; and appropriate one hundred dollars for the same, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to give the use of the hall in the town building on Lake Avenue to the Governor Mayhew Post 242, American Legion, of Oak

Bluffs, for the term of ten years on condition that said Post put the hall in thorough repair and maintain the same during the term of their occupation, as petitioned for by Jesse Steere and others.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to place a street light at the corner of Simpson and Brunswick Avenues, as requested by I. H. Francis and others.

Article 23. To see if the town will place a street light at the junction of Thompson and Massachusetts Avenues as requested by Herbert A. Eddy and others.

Article 24. To see if the town will place a street light at the corner of Katama and South Circuit Avenues as requested by E. N. Noyes and others.

Article 25. To see if the town will place a street light on Second Avenue near the residence of Martha J. Jackson, as requested by Martha J. Jackson and others.

Article 26. To see if the town will place a street light on Stanton Avenue near the residence of Mrs. Matilda Jenkins, as requested by Matilda Jenkins and others.

Article 27. To see if the town will place a street light on Perkins Avenue near the A. M. E. Church, as requested by Rev. E. C. Robinson and others.

Article 28. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to have the street lights which were removed from Nashawena and Waban Parks placed in corresponding locations at the street corners on the northerly side of said Parks.

Article 29. To see if the town will instruct the Selectmen to control and regulate the taking of eels, clams, quahaugs and scallops within the town, and make regulations in relation thereto, and such other and further regulations as they may deem expedient; to appoint a Fish Warden and prescribe his duties and fix his salary; and to have the waters of the town, including Vineyard Haven Harbor, Lagoon and Anthias Ponds delineated by suitable buoys or range monuments visible from the water; and to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for the enforcement of such regulations and the salary of such Fish Warden, and the construction and maintenance of such buoys and monuments, as requested by David Heatley and others.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) for care of Ocean Park, Hartford Park, Waban and Niantic Parks, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 31. To see if the town will appoint a committee of three members to investigate and make recommendations relative to a Town Hall, as to available location and the approximate cost of the same, and as to the construction and the probable cost of the same; and to report at a subsequent meeting to be called for that purpose, as requested by E. G. Eldridge and others.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be published in the Martha's Vineyard Herald and posting two copies thereof in two public places in the town, at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant, with your do-

ing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place specified in this warrant.

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth day of January, A. D. 1921.

EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE,

DAVID HEATLEY,

WALTER C. RIPLEY,

Selectmen of the Town of Oak Bluffs.

Pursuant to above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in this warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

HARRY T. WEBB, Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 29, 1921.

ANNUAL

SCHOOL REPORT

1920



Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Your committee respectfully submit the reports of the Superintendent, Principal, Music teacher and the teacher of Vocational education.

As your School committee we have endeavored to make the schools equal to any so far as our means would allow. The first requisite for the attainment of that standing is the employment of teachers who have received special training along educational lines and have prepared themselves by College and Normal School training for their profession.

We are pleased to say that on account of your appreciation of these facts your generosity has enabled your committee thus far to pay better salaries to our teaching force with the result that our teachers have remained with us and the changing of teachers has not been of such frequent occurrence as in former years. Even at the salaries we are now paying we are handicapped by the inducements offered our teachers by superintendents of city schools and it will be necessary to pay even higher salaries to retain our most efficient teachers. It is but just and right that we should give praise where praise is due and will say that a more loyal corps of teachers will be hard to find and it is but fair that you should know that during the present winter teachers in our schools have had salaries offered them much in excess of what they are receiving here yet they were loyal to their agreement and remained with us at a loss to themselves. Teachers, who are sought often because

of their efficiency are worth so much to our children as to those in other schools and we must do our utmost to retain them. It is a waste of the money appropriated to have inefficient teachers in our schools. The present corps of teachers have tried to do work that counts and it is a pity that some of the parents and some pupils do not realize the advantages to be derived from honest and studious application. What ever is worth having is worth working to attain and if pupils would only realize the great advantage a good education would be to them in their future life there would be better results from all the efforts put forth by your committee, Superintendent and Teachers. Since the close of the schools in June last we have had to employ five new teachers to replace those who resigned to teach the city schools or to take up work on other lines. For Principal we were fortunate in securing Mr. Rudolph Keyes who is well liked and is most efficient. For the Eighth grade we have Mr. Thomas J. McCoy, for the Seventh grade Miss Dorothy Sears, for the Second grade Miss Elizabeth Dresser and for the Household Arts or Vocational education Miss Nina L. Connick. Your Committee feel justified in feeling proud of the condition of our schools.

There is a lack of room in the school building and two new rooms are needed for the school and that will have to come as soon as the price of material and labor will warrant. Two more teachers are needed immediately—one for the VII grade. At present the Commercial teacher has the VIIth grade, beside her work in Book-keeping, stenography and typewriting for the High School and 8th grade.

The Commercial Course is a valuable one for pupils, and if taken while here in their homes, will save the expense of going to a commercial school in the city, and will aid them in any line of business they may enter later.

MORE TEACHERS NEEDED.

Last Fall between thirty and forty little ones entered the first grade taking the entire seating capacity of the room. This

occasioned sending all but three of the 1st grade children into the second grade room, over-crowding that room, and as part of the number were to have remained in grade one to be the class for promotion in June next, it is plainly to be seen that this occasioned the necessity of having a *third class*, in that room, instead of two as previously. Consequently the teacher for Grade II finds it impossible to give the attention and time to each pupil that is needed. If we had an extra teacher here she could take one of these groups and keep them occupied. The children in the lower grades are too young, to be left to themselves. They *must* have *constant supervision* to keep from becoming restless and thereby interfering with the hearing of recitations of the other classes. When the children enter next Fall, who have reached school age, you can readily imagine the necessity for another teacher or an assistant in one, or between the two grades, to enable the teacher to bring the class for promotion, up to the standard required to pass into the next grade higher.

The *State* now assists Towns in obtaining higher priced teachers by re-imbursing the Town, in a generous measure, for the higher salaries paid that we may have better trained and efficient teachers. This is also true of the Vocational Teacher's salary, and the State will also pay one half of the amount for the replacement of equipment and on all supplies, as well as salary. Quite a sum was returned to the town last year, and in July, of *this* year, a much larger sum, based on the present salaries of teachers and Superintendent will come back to the town as reimbursement.

The bequest of Mrs. Barbey has not yet been received, but we have received letters to the effect that the Court will soon decide our proportional part.

It is our desire to purchase the little cottage now the Vocational School, as this building has been approved by the State Board of Education. Several members of the State Board, having supervision of the department of Vocational

Education, have been here to see that a proper place was provided for this work, and each, and all expressed themselves as entirely satisfied, and fully endorsed the purchase, the work accomplished by the teacher and pupils of this department. A Class is about to be formed of adults to meet for a certain number of hours one day each week so mothers or young women can avail themselves of the opportunity to study millinery, dress-making, "making over" dresses and any problem in the home making line in which they desire advice or help. Ladies who availed themselves of this privilege last year speak highly of the assistance given them by Miss Firngiebel and Miss Connick is very willing and anxious to do all she can to assist in this line as soon as the period can be arranged for this class of workers

Following is the financial report of the amounts received and disbursed by your Committee on bills approved and paid by the town treasurer.

School Committee, Salary Appropriation,	\$150.00
Expended,	150.00
Clerk of School Committee, Salary Appropriation,	\$50.00
Expended,	50.00
Superintendent of Schools, Salary, Appropriation,	\$700.00
Expended,	681.68
Unexpended,	<hr/> \$18.32
School Physician, Salary, Appropriation,	\$25.00
Expended,	25.00
Schools and Transportation, Appropriation,	<hr/> \$13,700.00
Vocational Education, Appropriation,	1,200.00
	<hr/> \$14,900.00

Expended,	14,551.17
Unexpended,	\$348.83
Schoo. Expenses and Repairs, Appropriation,	\$1,500.00
Expended,	1,520.88
Overdrawn,	\$20.88
Respectfully submitted,	
C. P. HAYDEN, Chairman.	
M. E. VINCENT.	
H. S. LOOK.	

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1921-1922.

Winter Term: Jan. 3 to March 24, 1921.

Spring Term: April 4 to June 17, 1921.

Fall Term: Sept. 12 to Dec. 21, 1921.

Winter Term: Jan. 2, 1922 to April 13, 1922.

Spring Term: April 24 to June 16, 1922.

Thanksgiving Recess: Nov. 23 to Nov. 28.

High school and grades 7 and 8 may keep longer in June
if necessary to make up the required 180 days.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs :

I herewith submit for your consideration my third annual report, as superintendent of schools, the reports of the high school principal, and special teachers are made a part of this report.

ATTENDANCE.

The general attendance throughout the district has been very satisfactory, there being very few cases of absences except those which have seemed to the parents to be necessary. Parents differ very much in regard to what they deem a sufficient excuse for keeping children out of school. A few do not realize what a drawback it is to their children to keep them out every few days to help at home or for some other reason. A study of the school registers and the rank cards would convince any parent that these frequent absences are without doubt the reason why some children are behind in their grade or fail in being promoted at the end of the year.

Our school year on the island has been set at 38 weeks by the school committees, this would make 190 days of school if none were lost on account of storms, holidays, visiting days, and days allowed teachers for returning to the island after vacations. In years past more than 10 days have been lost during the year, reducing the number to less than 180 days. The law requires that our high

schools must have at least 180 days of actual school, so in order to do this some of the schools have occasionally kept on Saturdays. The Saturday sessions are not satisfactory to parents, pupils or teachers and should not be sanctioned except as a last resort. For some time past the high schools have not suspended school on account of storms and it is my firm belief borne out by observation that except in case of blocking snow or slush, all grades should be in session every day. On stormy days it should be left optional with the parents whether to send their children or not. Many of the children are fitted with rain coats, rain hats and rubber boots, and can come in any kind of weather. Also many of the parents have automobiles and take their children, and often others, to and from school. It is costing about \$100 a day to operate the schools, and those who can reach school should be getting some returns for the money spent.

After many years' trial of no school signals, many places are abolishing the same, one of the most recent is the city of Boston. It is my recommendation that the no school signals be used only when roads are impassable.

TEACHERS. -

The shortage of teachers which has been felt for several years seems to get worse instead of better, and your superintendent has had hard work to find the necessary teachers for the Island. Still with possibly two exceptions we have found teachers that are doing good work and are meeting with that co-operation on the part of parents and citizens, which is so necessary to make a teacher's work successful.

On January 1, 1920, the following schedule of salaries was adopted by most of the towns of this district:

High school principals,	\$1,800 minimum
High school principals,	\$2,050 maximum

High school assistants,	\$1,000 minimum
High school assistants,	\$1,250 maximum
Elementary principal,	\$1,200 minimum
Elementary assistants,	\$900 minimum
Elementary assistants,	\$1,150 maximum

At the opening of the school in the fall it was necessary in a few cases to offer more than our minimum salary to get properly qualified teachers to come to the Island. I believe our salaries should be about \$100 larger than for similar positions on the mainland in order to attract and hold the best teachers. Many Island girls have trained for teachers but leave the island to teach, attracted by larger salaries offered elsewhere.

The general trend of teachers' salaries is still upward, and they are not likely to drop even though the cost of living is reduced. The teaching profession for years has been underpaid. Again, it is reasonable to expect that higher standards of efficiency will be demanded in the near future. These two facts alone will tend to hold rather than to reduce the cost of teaching service.

We also have another duty to perform if we wish to keep teachers after we get them here. Many teachers will not return owing to unsatisfactory boarding conditions. You want good teachers, then open your homes to the teachers and take them to board, not as a money-making proposition, but as your duty. The Oak Bluffs teachers, not being able to find any home open to them, secured an apartment and housekeeper and are conducting their own home.

CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL.

The shortage of teachers has brought about a condition similar to what exists in many rural communities. In the fall we were not able to secure a teacher for the Cape Higgon School, so the pupils were transported to the

Menemsha School at a cost of \$25.00 per week. At present there are only four pupils who are transported, so the per capita cost is high. So far the conditions have been favorable, and I think the transportation is satisfactory to all the families concerned.

Early in December the teacher at the Lamberts Cove school left, and the pupils there were taken to West Tisbury at a cost of \$25.00 per week. The teacher at Locust Grove resigned late in December, so that school has been closed and the pupils taken to West Tisbury at a cost of \$25.00 per week.

None of the above schools would have been closed could we have secured teachers, but circumstances have caused consolidation. Now the school officials, parents, and pupils can find out by actual experience whether or not consolidation is to be desired.

In the down island towns, Edgartown has the largest transportation problem, bringing pupils from Chappaquiddick, Katama, Plains, and Pohoganot, a total of 18 pupils at a cost of \$39.00 per week.

In Oak Bluffs one route is maintained, bringing pupils from the head of Lagoon Pond. The cost is \$19.00 for 14 pupils.

In Tisbury transportation is furnished during the winter, one way only, to pupils living at West Chop. Also trips are made twice a day throughout the year when stormy, for the same children. The cost of this is \$1.00 per trip.

The above is transportation to elementary schools, but from Gay Head, Chilmark and West Tisbury, transportation of high school pupils to the Tisbury High school is provided by the parents of the pupils. The parents are re-imburshed by the towns to the extent of \$1.50 per week per pupil. Some of these pupils ride about 35 miles each day and seldom, if ever, are late.

I hope the day is not far distant when the island will

have one up-to-date high school, with a corps of well trained teachers, offering such courses as are offered in the best high schools in the country. It ought not to be necessary for any pupil to leave the island to get a secondary school education.

At present Tisbury is the only high school that has a teacher devoting her whole time to commercial work. This teacher could teach the commercial work for all the island if the schools were combined.

The same conditions are true in regard to household arts. The teacher we now employ at Oak Bluffs could teach all who would want such a course in a consolidated high school.

One of the lessons we learned from the war was to practice thrift and to eliminate unnecessary waste. It is an educational waste not to consolidate high schools on the island and I think we are no longer justified to see this waste continued.

Besides the three regular high schools in Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, and Vineyard Haven, one year's work is being done at Gay Head and a two year's course is being offered at West Tisbury. I doubt if there is any place in the state that has a larger per cent of graduates of our eighth grade entering and remaining in high school than has Martha's Vineyard.

CLUB WORK

From time to time efforts have been made to promote club work, such as gardening, poultry raising, canning, etc., among the children. It has met with a fair degree of success, but since the discontinuance of the Farm Bureau the work lacks supervision. In many places supervisors are employed during the summer to follow up the work started in the spring. I believe in the club work and think it is worth while, and I recommend that the

towns unite and employ a supervisor during the summer months.

AMERICANIZATION WORK

We have here on our island among our Portuguese inhabitants many who cannot read or write the English language and it is for such as these the evening school at Vineyard Haven has been established. Schools should be started at Edgartown and Oak Bluffs and if there are any foreign speaking people up island who wish to attend evening school they should be allowed to attend one of these schools. These schools are held under the provisions of Chapter 295 which provides that the towns carrying on such schools are entitled to receive as reimbursement from the State one-half the sums expended for such schools.

The Vineyard Haven school started last January with over 20 members, but has dwindled to about 10 members. The laborer after working all day has to make quite an effort to go to evening school, but he must remember that there is no "royal road to learning", but he who secures an education must work for it, and the older we get the harder we have to work to learn a new language. If you have a neighbor or a friend who should attend these schools, please encourage him to do so.

MUSIC AND DRAWING.

For several years past four of the towns of the district have united in employing a teacher to supervise music and drawing, but this year it was not possible to find a person who could supervise both subjects, so drawing is being done without a supervisor.

Music supervision is being done now in every town on the island. Some there are who doubt the wisdom of spending money for music instruction. For such I quote the following:

I AM MUSIC.

SERVANT and master am I; servant of those dead, and master of those living. Through me spirits immortal speak the message that makes the world weep, and laugh, and wonder, and worship.

I tell the story of love, the story of hate, the story that saves and the story that damns. I am the incense upon which prayers float to Heaven. I am the smoke which palls over the field of battle where men lie dying with me on their lips

I am close to the marriage altar, and when the graves open I stand near by. I call the wanderer home, I rescue the soul from the depths, I open the lips of lovers, and through me the dead whisper to the living.

One I serve as I serve all; and the king I make my slave as easily as I subject his slave. I speak through the birds of the air, the insects of the field, the crash of waters on rock-ribbed shores, the sighing of wind in the trees, and I am even heard by the soul that knows me in the clatter of wheels on city streets. I know no brother, yet all men are my brothers; I am the father of the best that is in them, and they are fathers of the best that is in me; I am of them and they are of me. FOR I AM THE INSTRUMENT OF GOD.

I AM MUSIC.

HEALTH.

During the past year every pupil has been examined by the school physician and defects reported to parents. We plan to make examinations and to record the weight and height of each pupil at stated intervals. For the benefit of parents and teachers a table of children's diseases is made a part of this report.

SCHOOL BUDGET.

Last year the town appropriated for schools over \$17,000

SCHOOL BUDGET.

this amount was much larger than any previous appropriation for schools but notwithstanding this fact we must report a slight overdraft in some accounts instead of an unexpended balance as we had hoped.

To maintain our schools to the required standards we shall need a slightly larger appropriation for the coming year.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all who have in any way helped make the work of our schools more effective.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MARTIN.

Principal's Report

Mr. Robert Martín,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir :

Since I have been in Oak Bluffs, but a short time, I can bring to your attention only some of the most prominent things as connected with the welfare of the schools.

I have noticed that there is very little co-operation between the schools and the parents. This is especially true in the upper grades, and the High school. Parents who have children in the seventh and eighth grades and in High school seem to think that their co-operation is not welcome. It is not only welcome, but absolutely necessary, if the school is to be run for the best interest of the community. Parents should remember that they are the stockholders of the school, and it should be to their interest to help keep the school up to the highest possible standard.

The school should look after the physical as well as the intellectual training of our young men and women. This is impossible here as we have not the use of a suitable hall in the winter time. The Selectmen have been very kind in allowing us the use of the town hall, but this is much too small for basketball, and is not suitable for

any school socials that go to make up part of the life of a normal high school.

Without the co-operation of the teachers, it would be difficult indeed to maintain a successful school, and I wish to say at this time, that I am very much pleased with the co-operation of the teachers and with the conscientious interest which they take in their work.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH H. KEYES.

Report on Vocational School

Mr. Robert W. Martin, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my report on the work accomplished and planned for the year 1920-1921.

The course begins in the eighth grade and continues through the high school. At present there are three classes, namely:

Class A—Grade VIII, consisting of ten girls.

Class B—High school Freshmen and Sophomore girls, four in number.

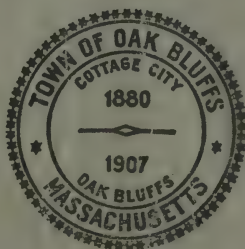
Class C—High school Juniors and Seniors, five in number.

In accordance with the Smith-Hughes Act, each girl spends one-half of her total school time; i.e., twelve hours in vocational work. One-half of this time; that is six hours is spent in practical work at the model cottage on the Highlands. The other six hours are spent at the school in related work such as arithmetic, English, history, etc.

At the model cottage the girls receive their instruction in a homelike atmosphere. There are three separate courses; namely, domestic science, domestic arts and household management.

The course in domestic science includes cooking, food-study, marketing, planning and preparation of balanced meals.

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Valuation April 1, 1921

Personal property and real estate,	
Total valuation,	\$2,865,320.00

Rate of taxation, \$27.00 per \$1,000.00.

Total property tax,	\$77,363.73
Tax on 340 polls,	1,700.00

Total tax,	\$79,063.73
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State tax assessed,	\$5,880.00
State highway tax,	477.40
County tax,	4,558.33
Special tax,	277.20
Town tax assessed,	67,870.80

• \$79,063.73

The following items were taken from the Assessors' books for 1921 :

Number of resident tax payers,	434
Number of non-resident tax payers,	992
Number of poll tax payers,	344
Number of horses,	57
Number of cows,	105
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	13
Number of dwelling houses,	1,150

Number of acres of land,	3,423
Number of sheep,	20
Number of swine,	15
Number of fowl,	225

Exempted Property.

Baptist church and land,	\$3,500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association and land,	2,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land,	3,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land (new),	25,000.00
Episcopal Society, church and land,	3,500.00
M. V. Campmeeting Association, church, tabernacle and land,	10,500.00
Union Chapel Christian Association, chapel and land,	6,000.00
Bradley Memorial church and land,	500.00
African M. E. church and land,	500.00
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	\$55,500.00

Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator.

E. G. Eldridge, services,	\$15.00
Appropriation,	\$15.00

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

David Heatley, salary,	\$200.00
M. J. Keegan, salary,	200.00
W. C. Ripley,	200.00

\$600.00

Appropriation, \$600.00

Clerk of Board of Selectmen.

Walter C. Ripley, salary,	\$150.00
Appropriation,	\$150.00

Selectmen's Expenses.

J. C. Crowell, surveying,	\$34.23
H. S. Look, supplies,	14.72
Howard Mackay, supplies,	1.52
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	.35
David Heatley, expenses to Boston,	8.00
Walter C. Ripley, expenses to Boston,	8.00
David J. Barney, fuel,	57.00
Fred Metell, stock and labor	3.82
Frank Madeiros, stock and labor,	10.43

Steward of Hose No. 4.

Joe Henry, services,	\$22.92
Gile Amencio, services,	2.08

 \$25.00

Appropriation,	\$25.00
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Superintendent of Fire Alarm.

James L. Pratt, services,	\$16.67
Unexpended,	33.33

 \$50.00

Appropriation,	\$50.00
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Care of Fire Alarm Battery.

James L. Pratt, services,	\$200.00
Appropriation,	\$200.00

Fuel and Lights (Fire Dept.)

H. S. Look, supplies,	\$2.00
D. J. Barney, fuel,	37.50
John Tarvis, supplies,	15.00
George Alley, oil,	.98
Vineyard Lighting Co., lights,	35.08

 \$90.56

Unexpended,	209.44
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Appropriation,	\$300.00
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Contingent Expenses.

H. S. Look, supplies,	\$17.55
E. R. Frasier, supplies,	7.50
Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co.,	31.38
T. L. Williston, supplies,	4.20
Fred Metell, stock and labor,	5.98
C. C. Water Co., stock and labor,	59.78
S. & H. Electric Co., stock and labor,	54.50

R. A. Bunker, stock and labor,	37.57
H. A. Eddy, stock and labor,	48.04
Fred F. Ames, stock and labor,	13.25
William Norton, repairs,	5.00
John J. Florio, labor,	1.00
M. V. C. M. A., leases,	3.00
Alfred F. Foote, boiler inspection,	5.00
Pratt Bros, labor,	20.00
John J. Florio, hauling,	3.00
L. L. Blankenship, hauling,	6.00
W. C. Ripley, hauling,	9.00
R. Phillips, hauling,	3.00
Joseph Peters, hauling	3.00
George Alley, hauling,	9.00
Fred Metell, hauling,	6.00
E. A. Pease, hauling,	5.00
H. S. Look, hauling,	3.00
Clement Studley, hauling,	3.00
A. E. Silvia, Jr., hauling,	11.00
M. R. Silvia, hauling,	9.00
Antone Viera, hauling,	3.00
C. W. Norton, hauling,	6.00
C. C. Water Co., water,	40.00

 \$423.75

Appropriation,	400.00
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Overdrawn,	\$23.75
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New Hose.

Fabric Fire Hose Co., hose,	\$420.00
Appropriation,	400.00
Overdrawn,	\$20.00

Hydrant Rental.

C. C. Water Co., rental,	\$2,450.00
Appropriation,	\$2,450.00

Fire Alarm Box (New York Avenue).

Gamewell Fire Alarm Tel. Co.,	\$90.00
Unexpended,	90.00

Appropriation,	\$100.00
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Combination Hose and Chemical Truck.

American LaFrance Fire Engine Co., truck,	\$2,300.00
Supplies,	16.20
E. R. Frasier, supplies,	79.80
N. D. Webb, storage,	25.00

	\$2,421.00
Unexpended,	279.00

Appropriation,	\$2,700.00
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Special Constable, Fish and Shellfish.

Howard Edwards, salary,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

Expenses.

J. H. Crowell, survey,	\$30.07
Unexpended,	19.93

Appropriation,	\$50.00
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Harbor Master Salary.

S. M. Fisher, salary,	\$87.50
Appropriation,	50.00

Overdrawn,	\$37.50
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Expenses.

S. M. Fisher, labor,	\$46.00
Supplies,	4.00
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Appropriation,	\$50.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION.**Board of Health, Salary.**

David Heatley, salary,	\$25.00
M. J. Keegan, salary,	25.00
W. C. Ripley, salary,	25.00
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	\$75.00
Appropriation,	\$75.00

Expenses.

David Heatley, agent,	\$100.00
Dr. E. P. Worth, contagious diseases,	181.84
Dr. H. T. Dean, contagious diseases,	30.00
Fred Metell, stock and labor,	39.83
J. H. Hughes, stock and labor,	13.44
George Bernard, labor,	52.00
George E. Norton, supplies,	3.04
E. E. Landers, printing,	1.25
David Heatley, express,	.50
J. A. Silvia, auto hire,	1.50
H. T. Webb, auto hire,	3.00
Joseph Peters, auto hire,	1.50
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	\$427.90
Unexpended,	72.10
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Appropriation,	\$500.00

Collection of Swill and Garbage.

Jules Ben David, contract,	\$784.00
Appropriation,	700.00
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Overdrawn,	\$84.00

Care of Dump.

Manuel G. Costa, labor,	\$60.00
John A. Newcomb, labor,	31.50
Peter Regan, labor,	49.00
M. S. DeBettencourt,	16.00
Manuel Caetano,	20.00
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	\$176.50
Appropriation,	50.00
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Overdrawn,	\$126.50

Animal Inspector, Salary.

Frank W. Chase, salary,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary.

Reuben Phillips, salary,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

Public Sanataries.

C. C. Water Co., water,	\$76.50
R. D. Wells, rent,	100.00
Fred Metell, stock and labor,	59.70
W. G. Manter Co., stock and labor,	5.43
Howard Mackay, supplies,	16.05
W. A. Harding, signs,	6.00

George Frye, janitor,	170.00
Labor,	1.50
Supplies,	.40
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	\$435.58
Appropriation,	350.00
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Overdrawn,	\$85.58

Street Cleaning.

Manuel Nunes, labor,	\$668.00
Antone Andrada, labor,	28.00
Charles Freeman, labor,	244.00
Windsor Broom Co., supplies,	36.75
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	\$976.75
Appropriation,	850.00
Overdrawn,	\$126.75

HIGHWAYS.

Bulkheads and Bridges.

A. D. Silvia, labor,	\$125.50
Jules Swartz, labor,	68.00
M. P. Silvia, labor,	10.00
Otis Roderiques, labor,	12.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	26.00
Frank Campos, labor,	8.00
E. R. Smith, labor,	15.00
John DeCosta, labor,	8.00
Joe A. Silvia, labor,	8.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	64.00
Albert Silvia, labor,	14.00
Amos DeBettencourt, labor,	8.00
Manuel Campos, labor,	8.00
Joe Lawrence, labor,	6.00

Amos Silvia, labor,	8.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	4.50
Alfred Silvia, labor,	4.00
Joe Tarvis, labor,	50.00
Manuel Caeton, labor,	2.00
Manuel Estrella, labor,	12.00
John Peters, labor,	16.00
Manuel Mills, stock and labor,	69.75
R. D. Robinson, stock and labor,	38.15
M. R. Charves, supplies,	42.50
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	26.45
F. O. Tilton, supplies,	31.43
H. S. Look, supplies,	3.20
E. A. Pease, stone,	20.28
H. C. Luce, stone,	11.50
B. C. Cromwell, cement,	28.12
M. S. DeBettencourt, sand,	8.00
I. M. Studley, auto hire,	1.50
John DeCosta, cartage,	3.50
George Bernard, cartage,	8.00
Ralph Bunker, cartage,	20.00
D. J. McBride, cartage,	10.00
R. D. Wigglesworth, cartage,	30.00
Jule Ben David, cartage,	4.00

 \$833.38

Appropriation,

400.00

Overdrawn,

 \$433.38
Repairs to Concrete.

A. D. Silvia, labor,	\$407.50
John Madeiros, labor,	81.00
Manuel Swartz, labor,	12.00
Joseph Lawrence, labor,	67.00

John Fitzgerald, labor,	41.00
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	14.00
Manuel P. Silvia, labor,	15.00
Frank Burgess, labor,	15.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	47.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	295.00
Joseph Cardoza, labor,	301.00
Joseph Tarvis, labor,	267.00
Edward Wentworth, labor,	13.00
Earle Silvia, labor,	11.00
Manuel Enos, labor,	99.00
George Wormley, labor,	12.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	109.00
Amos Silvia, labor,	7.00
Thomas Dumont, labor,	105.00
Joe Oliver, labor,	118.00
Antone Andrada, labor,	28.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	106.00
John Peters, labor,	152.00
Manuel Campos, labor,	90.00
Manuel Caeteon, labor,	34.00
Manuel Estrella, labor,	51.00
Frank Campos, labor,	20.00
John DeCosta, labor,	4.00
James Cordoza, labor,	12.00
Frank Burgess, labor,	4.00
C. F. James, freight and cartage,	246.21
A. D. Silvia, freight,	17.71
Bunker Bros., cartage,	88.98
Ralph Bunker, cartage,	7.00
J. C. Hamblin, cartage,	189.50
John DeCosta, cartage,	378.00
R. D. Wigglesworth, cartage,	32.00
Jules Ben David, cartage,	8.00
George Bernard, cartage,	32.00

C. W. Norton, cartage,	8.00
Joe Rose, cartage,	26.00
D. J. McBride, cartage,	8.00
John Pineiro, cartage,	6.00
S. E. McDonald, auto hire,	6.00
I. M. Studley, auto hire,	2.00
E. E. Landers, sand,	50.00
H. S. Look, supplies,	83.10
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	41.40
Frank Madeiros, supplies,	4.25
C. A. Williams, supplies,	25.00
C. A. Dean, supplies,	2.00
C. L. Gonyon, supplies,	18.00
George Alley, supplies,	6.98
William Norton, stock and labor,	3.75
Elmer C. Chadwick, stock and labor,	5.25
Independent Coal Tar Co., stock,	449.92
N. B. Gas and Edison Co., stock,	187.50
Citizen's Gas Co., stock,	307.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	2.45

 \$4,629.00

Unexpended, 371.00

 Appropriation, \$5,000.00

Repairs to Dirt Roads.

A. D. Silvia, labor,	\$42.50
Jules Swartz, labor,	34.00
Joseph O. Perry, labor,	16.00
John Tarvis, labor,	16.00
Joe Tarvis, labor,	20.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	30.00
Joe Oliver, labor,	16.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	16.00

Gussie Amaral, labor,	4.00
Antone Andrada, labor,	16.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	12.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	4.00
Thomas Dumont, labor,	8.00
Frank Campos, labor,	2.00
John Madeiros, labor,	2.00
James Cardoza, labor,	4.00
E. A. Pease, trucking,	14.00
C. W. Norton, trucking,	12.00
C. W. Norton, ashes and truck,	164.00
Jules Ben David, trucking,	8.00
Ralph Bunker, trucking,	8.00
John DeCosta, trucking,	28.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, trucking,	28.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, loam,	33.00
John C. Hamblin, trucking,	20.00
Joseph Rose, trucking,	20.00
Frank Chase, trucking,	25.00
George Bernard, trucking,	16.00
Vineyard Lighting Co., ashes,	20.00
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	\$638.50
Unexpended,	61.50
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Appropriation,	\$700.00

Repairs to Farm Neck Road.

A. D. Silvia, labor,	\$2.50
Amos Silvia, labor,	16.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	22.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	10.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	10.00
Joe Oliver, labor,	8.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	8.00

Joe Tarvis, labor,	8.00
Joseph Perry, labor,	8.00
Antone Andrada, labor,	8.00
John Madeiros, labor,	2.00
Manuel Campos, labor,	2.00
C. W. Norton, trucking,	48.00
F. W. Chase, labor and supplies,	108.00
J. C. Hamblin, teaming,	20.00
Joseph Rose, teaming,	20.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, teaming,	20.00
M. S. DeBettencourt, loam,	26.40
John DeCosta, teaming,	14.00
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	\$360.00
Unexpended,	140.00
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Appropriation,	\$500.00

Barnes Road.

A. D. Silvia, labor,	\$37.50
Alfred Silvia, labor,	4.00
John Madeiros, labor,	10.00
Joe S. Duart, labor,	36.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	22.00
C. R. Luce, labor,	4.00
Joe D. Silvia, labor,	4.00
Frank Burgess, labor,	4.00
Manuel P. Silvia, labor,	4.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	4.00
Peter F. Monahan, labor,	4.00
Antone White, labor,	8.00
Antone Rocker, labor,	8.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	2.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	2.00
Manuel Campos, labor,	2.00

George A. Smith, cartage,	20.00
C. W. Norton, cartage,	88.00
George H. Bernard, cartage,	88.00
Jules Ben David, cartage,	16.00
John DeCosta, cartage,	14.00
Joe F. Duart, cartage,	55.00
M. S. Brown, cartage,	35.00
Joe Rose, cartage,	16.00
John Madeiros, auto hire,	4.00
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	\$491.50
Unexpended,	8.50
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Appropriation,	\$500.00

Repairing Walls, Sunset Lake.

M. H. Edwards, labor,	\$15.00
Frank L. Lynch, labor,	24.00
A. D. Silvia, labor,	10.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	4.00
Jules, Swartz, labor,	4.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	8.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	8.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	4.00
Joe Tarvis, labor,	4.00
Antone Andrada, labor,	4.00
D. J. McBride, trucking,	12.00
C. W. Norton, trucking,	16.00
F. O. Tilton, supplies,	26.50
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	\$115.50
Unexpended,	84.50
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Appropriation,	\$200.00

Snow.

A. D. Silvia, labor,	\$10.00
Forrest Welch, labor,	4.00
Bennie Amaral, snow,	4.00
John Viera, labor,	4.00
Manuel Florio, labor,	4.00
John Silvia, labor,	4.00
Joseph Mills, labor,	4.00
Arthur Andrews, labor,	4.00
Joseph Andrews, labor,	4.00
Amos Silvia, labor,	4.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	4.00
Antone Gomes, labor,	4.00
Max Swartz, labor,	4.00
James Cardoza, labor,	2.00
Clement Amaral, labor,	4.00
Peter Monahan, labor,	8.00
Manuel Costa, labor,	4.00
John Duart, labor,	8.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	4.00
Edward Fortin, labor,	8.00
Joe Fortin, labor,	8.00
Theodore Fortin, labor,	8.00
Louis Spencer, labor,	4.00
George Wormley, labor,	4.00
Joe S. Duart, labor,	8.00
Manuel S. Duart, labor,	8.00
Fred Metell, labor,	2.00
Joseph Peters, labor,	2.00
Manuel Perry, labor,	2.00
Antone Swartz, labor,	4.00
Gile Amencio, labor,	4.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	4.00
Joe M. Cardoza, labor,	4.00
Manuel Swartz, labor,	8.00

Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	4.00
Gussie Ben David, labor,	4.00
Manuel B. David, labor,	4.00
Albert Earle, labor,	2.00
Manuel Brown, labor,	8.00
Manuel P. Silvia, labor,	4.00
Gussie Amaral, labor,	4.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	8.00
John Fitzgerald, labor,	8.00
Joe Lawrence, labor,	8.00
Alfred Silvia, labor,	4.00
Frank Campos, labor,	4.00
Frank Campos, Jr., labor,	1.00
Joe F. Duart, labor,	8.00
J. C. Hamblin, teaming,	20.00
E. J. Silvia, auto,	8.00
Joe D. Silvia, auto,	28.00
C. W. Norton, truck,	10.00

 \$313.00

Appropriation,	200.00
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Overdrawn,	\$113.00
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Street Lighting.

Vineyard Lighting Co.,	\$6,372.09
Appropriation,	5,750.00
Overdrawn,	\$622.09

Resurfacing New York Avenue.

Ellsworth Norton, labor,	\$199.25
Arthur H. Look, labor,	39.60
Louis Green, labor,	9.00
E. L. Luce, labor,	23.40
Joseph O. Perry, labor,	66.28

Joseph Castro, labor,	70.33
Walter Stevenson, labor,	57.78
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	65.47
John Gonsalves, labor,	63.68
S. T. Arno, labor,	94.51
Walter Gove, labor,	71.78
John Maderios, labor,	64.70
H. K. Burgess, labor,	64.80
Franklin Young, labor,	47.93
William Rose, labor,	48.82
Antone Gomes, labor,	57.83
Earl Silvia, labor,	46.57
Alfred Maciel, labor,	41.84
John Viera, labor,	27.23
Amos Silvia, labor,	26.32
M. B. David, labor,	26.32
Manuel Swartz, labor,	27.68
Manuel Cross, labor,	26.32
Forrest Welch, labor,	17.55
Crowell, Cleveland Co., coal,	135.06
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	1.70
Fred Metell, supplies,	1.54
Williston Supply Co., supplies,	11.00
Standard Oil Co., supplies,	1,585.30
George Bernard, trucking,	187.00
Jules Ben David, trucking,	40.00
N. D. Webb, trucking,	336.00
Antone Silvia, teaming,	14.88
H. C. Luce, teaming,	88.00
Henry Look, teaming,	2.25
Ralph Bunker, teaming,	3.00
Frank Madei, stock and labor,	3.67
C. C. Wate, stock and labor,	40.75
Manuel St, or,	1.00
Alfred De, cart, labor,	1.00

Vineyard Grove Co., sand,	50.20
A. D. Silvia, labor,	20.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	16.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	16.00
Joe Tarvis, labor,	16.00
Manuel Campos, labor,	16.00
Bunker Bros., stone,	8.75
C. F. James, stone,	24.48
H. A. Eddy, stock and labor,	111.41

\$4,019.98

Unexpended, 980.02

Appropriation, \$5,000.00

Catch Basins.

A. D. Silvia, labor,	\$27.50
John Maderios, labor,	4.00
Alfred Silvia, labor,	21.50
Otis Roderiques, labor,	21.50
Joe Tarvis, labor,	21.50
Manuel P. Silvia, labor,	11.00
John D. Baird, stock and labor,	326.09
Fred Metell, stock and labor,	18.72
F. O. Tilton, supplies,	44.00
M. R. Charves, supplies,	14.19
G. H. Bernard, stone,	72.50

\$582.50

Unexpended, 17.50

Appropriation, \$600.00

Widening Ocean Avenue, Between Park and Grove.

T. A. McGrath, labor,	\$26.00
John Gomes, labor,	22.00

John Duart, labor,	14.00
Gussie Amaral, labor,	22.50
Antone Swartz, labor,	22.50
Ben Benson, labor,	6.00
Francis Bernard, labor,	13.50
Manuel Gomes, labor,	9.00
Clifford Hillman, labor,	3.00
Harry Caton, labor,	1.50
A. D. Silvia, labor,	22.50
Jules Swartz, labor,	18.00
Albert Silvia, labor,	18.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	18.00
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	18.00
Joe Lawrence, labor,	16.00
Joe Tarvis, labor,	16.00
Domingo Meulex, labor,	8.00
Manuel Nunes, labor,	8.00
Manuel Ferriera, labor,	12.00
Manuel Estrella, labor,	12.00
A. DeBettencourt, labor,	12.00
Thomas Dumont, labor,	12.00
T. A. McGrath, fertilizer,	1.75
Seed,	7.35
Loam,	28.00
Team,	3.00
C. W. Norton, trucking,	12.00
Jules B. David, trucking,	10.00
J. C. Hamblin, team,	40.00
John DeCosta, team,	28.00
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	\$460.60
Unexpended,	139.40
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Appropriation,	\$600.00

Sea View Avenue Sidewalk.

H. N. Hinckley,	\$8,000.00
Appropriation,	\$8,000.00

School Street Culvert.

John D. Baird, stock and labor,	\$59.63
H. S. Look, supplies,	3.00
A. D. Silvia, labor,	15.00
Manuel Campos, labor,	8.00
Gussie Amaral, labor,	6.00
Nathan Welch, labor,	4.00
John Ferrierra, labor,	8.00
Francis Bernard, labor,	8.00
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	\$111.63

No appropriation.

Concreting Penacook Avenue.

A. D. Silvia, labor,	\$82.50
Jules Swartz, labor,	62.00
Joseph Cardoza, labor,	62.00
Joseph Oliver, labor,	30.00
Joseph Tarvis, labor,	60.00
Manuel Enos, labor,	34.00
Thomas Dumont, labor,	20.00
John Peter, labor,	58.00
Manuel Caeteon, labor,	28.00
Manuel Fratao, labor,	8.00
Manuel Costa, labor,	4.00
C. F. James, freight and cartage,	50.59
Ernest A. Pease, stone,	57.36
Joe Rose, stone,	32.58
R. D. Wigglesworth, stone,	22.25
E. E. Landers, printing,	7.25
John DeCosta, teaming,	70.00

Joe Rose, teaming,	26.00
R. D. Wigglesworth, teaming,	66.00
Ralph Bunker, teaming,	2.00
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	2.85
H. S. Look, supplies,	8.74
N. B. Gas & Edison Light Co., supplies,	150.00
Citizen's Gas, Electric & Power Co., tar,	60.00

 \$1,004.12

Appropriation,	666.65
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\$337.46

Paid by Abutters,	\$337.46
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CHARITIES

Support of Poor.

Sundry persons,	\$1,975.00
Dr. E. P. Worth, services,	119.26
Molly Walker,	21.42
Dr. H. T. Dean,	10.00
D. J. Barney, fuel,	40.25
M. S. DeBettencourt,	12.00
W. D. Harding, supplies,	18.53
George Alley,	9.91
Howes Clothing Co.,	29.68
Mrs. A. C. Smith,	15.58
N. D. Webb, auto hire,	3.00
Dependent Mothers,	374.00

 \$2,628.63

Overdrawn,	128.63
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Appropriation,	\$2,500.00
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Soldiers' Benefits.**State Aid.**

Sundry persons,	\$362.00
Overdrawn,	12.00
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Appropriation,	\$350.00

Military Aid.

Sundry persons,	\$52.00
Appropriation,	48.00
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Overdrawn,	\$4.00

EDUCATION.**School Committee.**

H. S. Look, salary,	\$50.00
C. P. Hayden, salary,	50.00
M. E. Vincent, salary,	50.00
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	\$150.00
Appropriation,	\$150.00

School Committee Secretary.

M. E. Vincent, services,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

Superintendent's Salary.

R. W. Martin, salary,	\$760.58
Appropriation,	\$700.00
Received from State,	483.33
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	\$1,183.33
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Unexpended,	\$422.75

School Expenses.

Vineyard Lighting Co.,	\$29.95
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	37.30
Eldridge & White, insurance,	68.75
C. C. Water Co., water,	131.78
Masury Young Co., supplies,	15.00
Davis Press, supplies,	3.00
B. W. Norton, supplies,	.35
C. C. Birchard & Co., supplies,	11.97
Edward E. Babb, supplies,	659.13
F. M. Israel, supplies,	130.00
Ginn & Co., supplies,	56.86
Milton Bradley, supplies,	75.46
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies,	140.70
Jean Baird, supplies,	15.00
Howard & Brown, supplies,	1.85
George T. Johnson Co., supplies,	19.25
Houghton, Mifflin Co., supplies,	6.33
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, supplies,	111.54
Royal Typewriter Co., supplies,	207.50
Silver, Burdett Co., supplies,	17.46
A. F. Leonard, supplies,	23.40
Wright & Potter Co., supplies,	7.43
H. S. Look, supplies and express,	148.77
L. E. Knott Apparatus Co., supplies,	16.81
The "World", supplies,	1.52
Hoyle & Co., supplies,	.50
Fred Metell, keys,	3.00
D. J. McBride, supplies,	2.15
Freight and cartage,	13.28
Elizabeth Dresser, expenses,	25.00
Rudolph H. Keyes, expenses,	16.94
R. W. Martin, expenses,	101.92
Beatrice Smith, graduation expenses,	25.00

Alice R. Cleveland, nurse,	80.00
J. H. Hughes, stock and labor,	87.15
H. A. Eddy, stock and labor,	35.85
N. B. Typewriter Exchange,	44.50
William Norton,	2.00
E. T. Walker & Co.,	3.40
J. H. Carter,	5.40
W. G. Manter Co.,	765.87
Bertha E. Besse, reports,	.75
Crowell, Cleveland Co., fuel,	78.75
D. J. Barney, fuel,	787.50
Alfred F. Foote, boiler inspection,	4.00
E. A. Davis, examination of title,	10.00
E. E. Landers, supplies and printing,	19.50
L. E. Briggs, repairing clock,	2.50

\$4,052.05

Appropriation,	\$2,000.00	
Received from State,	1,666.00	
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		\$3,666.00

Overdrawn, \$396.05

Vocational Education.

Vineyard Lighting Co.,	\$17.66
Eldridge & White, insurance,	45.00
H. S. Look, supplies,	120.05
W. C. MacNeil,	5.29
Hoyle & Co.,	10.30
Mrs. A. C. Smith,	32.22
R. Phillips,	11.37
M. L. Connick,	28.14
C. A. Williams,	15.91
Howard Mackay,	5.58
C. C. Water Co., water,	27.00

D. J. Barney, fuel,	60.40
M. L. Connick, expenses,	44.45
J. H. Hughes, stock and labor,	18.22
H. A. Eddy,	161.75
C. A. Joy,	105.00
Recording deed to property,	1.00

\$709.34

Appropriation,	\$1,200.00
Received from State,	25.62
Received from food,	2.85
Received from rent,	193.50
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	\$1,421.97

Unexpended,	\$712.63
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Schools and Transportation of Scholars.

Teachers' Salaries,	\$13,220.10
C. W. Norton, transportation,	418.00
D. J. McBride, transportation,	345.00
Merion Amaral, janitor,	820.00

\$14,803.10

Unexpended,	196.90
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Appropriation,	\$15,000.00
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School Physician.

Dr. E. P. Worth, salary,	\$25.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

M. C. Gorham, services,	\$369.94
C. J. Amaral, janitor,	102.00
E. G. Eldridge, express and postage,	2.79
Vineyard Lighting Co., light,	36.23

H. J. Greene, rent,	150.00
C. C. Water Co., water,	10.00
Howard Mackay, supplies,	125.37
H. S. Hutchinson,	1.86
H. S. Look,	6.00
H. W. Wilson Co.,	7.00
National Map Co.,	3.95
Eldridge & White, insurance,	22.50
D. J. Barney, fuel,	28.70
George Frye, labor,	1.00
Bunker Bros., cartage,	1.50
Frank Madeiros, stock and labor,	7.30

 \$876.14

From dog funds,	175.10
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 \$701.04

Appropriation,	600.00
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 \$101.04

A. E. Cox donation,	5.00
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Overdrawn,	\$96.04
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PUBLIC PARKS.

Manuel Gomes, labor,	\$30.00
John Gomes, labor,	47.50
T. A. McGrath, labor,	26.00
John David, labor,	2.00
Forrest Welch, labor,	9.00
Manuel Caton, labor,	9.00
Harold Jordan, labor,	8.00
Antone Swartz, labor,	18.50
Manuel Enos, labor,	3.00
Harry Carter, labor,	3.00

Francis Bernard, labor,	81.00
Gussie Amaral, labor,	5.00
John Duart, labor,	92.00
Antone Amaral, labor,	12.00
Harold McDonald, labor,	53.50
Harold McGrath, labor,	3.00
Henry Sheppard, labor,	3.00
William Black, labor,	6.00
Frank McDonald, labor,	4.00
C. W. Norton, trucking,	10.00
J. C. Hamblin, teaming,	25.00
T. A. McGrath, shrubs,	119.00
Supplies,	1.95
Team,	30.00
E. E. Landers, printing,	6.50
H. S. Look, supplies,	23.05
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	4.00
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Appropriation,	\$635.00
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Overdrawn,	600.00
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	\$35.00

Comfort Station, Waban Park.

H. A. Eddy, stock and labor,	\$134.12
R. D. Robinson, stock and labor,	32.85
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	\$166.97
Unexpended,	33.03
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Appropriation,	\$200.00

Electric Column, Wiring and Lighting.

Pratt Bros.,	\$200.00
Appropriation,	\$200.00

SPECIAL PARKS.

Ben Benson, labor,	\$16.00
T. A. McGrath, labor,	150.00
John Duarte, labor,	146.00
Francis Bernard,	132.00
John Gomes, labor,	312.00
Antone Swartz, labor,	84.00
Gussie Amaral, labor,	72.50
Manuel Gomes, labor,	58.50
John Tarvis, labor,	4.50
Antone Amaral, labor,	16.50
Harold McDonald, labor,	19.50
Antone Gomes, labor,	4.50
Antone Ferendes, labor,	6.00
Manuel Amaral, labor,	3.00
George Simons, labor,	6.00
Henry Shepherd, labor,	3.00
William Black, labor,	1.50
J. W. McGrath, labor,	32.50
Two men, labor,	146.00
Gile Amencio, labor,	16.00
Manuel DeCosta, labor,	24.00
Charley Hill,	4.00
D. J. McBride, trucking,	26.00
C. W. Norton, trucking,	60.00
J. C. Hamblin, teaming,	53.00
Frank Madeiros, stock and labor,	9.17
R. D. Robinson, stock and labor,	35.00
Joseph Cory, dressing,	75.00
C. C. Water Co., water,	180.05
T. L. Williston, supplies,	10.37
H. S. Look, supplies,	7.40
Mr. Partridge, labor,	4.50

T. A. McGrath, shrubs,	251.40
Seed,	36.00
Dressing,	19.00
Freight,	16.19
Woodhouse Conservatories, supplies,	845.25
J. W. McGrath, stock,	122.10
Vineyard Lighting Co., light,	124.29

 \$3,132.72

Appropriation,	3,000.00
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Overdrawn,	132.72
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CEMETERIES.

John W. McGrath, supplies,	\$19.25
Clement Studley, fertilizer,	60.00
Lawn seed,	7.75
Joe M. Stock, labor,	24.00
Manuel DeCosta, labor,	24.00
John D. Baird, labor,	6.00
John Fitzgerald, labor,	51.50
A. D. Silvia, labor,	20.00
Jules Swartz, labor,	40.00
Joe Cardoza, labor,	40.00
John Madeiros, labor,	40.00
Joe Tarvis, labor,	28.00
Manuel Campos, labor,	24.00
Joseph Lawrence, labor,	16.00
Manuel Alley, labor,	8.00
Manuel Estrella, labor,	4.00
William Rose, labor,	4.00
Manuel Gonsalves, labor,	4.00
M. P. Silvia, labor,	4.00
Alfred DeBettencourt, labor,	4.00
Edward Wentworth, labor,	4.00
Daniel Zwicker, labor,	483.00

William Norton, stock and labor,	33.39
A. D. Silvia, Jr., labor,	16.00
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	57.15
E. G. Eldridge, deeds,	1.50
J. C. Hamblin, teaming,	10.00
Bunker Bros, teaming,	12.00
John DeCosta, teaming,	28.00
John W. McGrath, three men,	47.00
R. D. Wigglesworth, trucking,	22.00

 \$1,142.54

 Appropriation,

 \$1,000.00

 \$142.54

Receipts, \$87.00

Interest, 60.31

 147.37

 Unexpended,

 \$4.77

MOTH EXTERMINATION.

Frank F. Blankenship, labor,	\$339.50
Harold E. Jordan, labor,	240.00
W. R. Blankenship, labor,	112.00
William P. Horne, labor,	126.00
George E. MacNeil, labor,	98.00
F. F. Blankenship, express,	4.02
Fitzhenry-Guptill Co., supplies,	11.00
Samuel Cabot Co., supplies,	10.40
H. S. Look, supplies,	28.48
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	.95
Williston Supply House, supplies,	19.75
Howard Mackay, supplies,	1.00
C. C. Water Co.,	69.50
Bunker Bros., freight and cartage,	100.19
Ralph Bunker, labor,	92.00

Alton Bunker, labor,	60.00
R. W. Bunker, horse hire,	176.00
E. E. Landers, printing,	7.00
H. S. Look, rent of garage,	40.00
Russell Elwell, labor,	16.00
F. F. Blankenship, telephone,	3.55
Auto hire,	22.00

 \$1,576.84

Appropriation,	800.00
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Overdrawn,	\$776.84
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ADVERTISING FUND.

O. B. Board of Trade,	\$300.00
Appropriation,	\$300.00

AMUSEMENTS AND BASEBALL.

O. B. Board of Trade,	\$1,000.00
Appropriation,	\$1,000.00

BACK WATER BILL.

C. C. Water Co.,	\$163.13
Appropriation,	160.00
Overdrawn,	\$3.13

RESERVE FUND.

E. G. Eldridge, oaths, etc.,	\$2.30
J. H. Hughes, stock and labor,	31.00
J. D. Baird, stock and labor,	168.41
F. W. Smith, refund,	36.60
Frank Madeiros, illegal sale,	11.70
H. S. Look,	23.47
M. S. Brown,	13.19
L. A. Izett, dog damage,	4.00
S. E. McDonald, services,	50.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co., telephone,	4.55

M. J. Keegan, expense to Boston,	10.00
W. C. Ripley, expense to Boston,	10.00
Fred Metell, stock and labor,	2.00
Pratt Bros., stock and labor,	200.00
S. M. Fisher, stock and labor,	10.00
Amaral Bros., stock and labor,	4.46
Jesse Steere, stock and labor,	5.52
C. C. Water Co., water,	13.00
F. O. Matthews, supplies,	.15
E. N. Noyes, supplies,	.50
D. J. Barney, fuel,	16.00

 \$616.85

Unexpended, 383.15

 Appropriation, \$1,000.00

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE PLANS.

Appropriation,	\$200.00
Unexpended,	\$200.00

REPAIRS TO TOWN HALL.

Appropriation,	\$250.00
Unexpended,	\$250.00

COURT FEES.

Walter R. Gove,	\$21.90
S. E. McDonald,	6.50

 \$28.40

COURT EXPENSES.

Howard Mackay, supplies,	\$3.35
No appropriation.	

DREDGING LAKE ANTHONY.

Department of Public Works,	\$2,500.00
Appropriation,	\$2,500.00

PURCHASE OF LEONARD PROPERTY.

R. W. Martin,	\$1,700.00
Appropriation,	\$1,700.00

NEW STOVE FOR SELECTMEN'S ROOM

Fred Metell, stock and labor,	\$66.03
Unexpended,	33.97

Appropriation,	\$100.00
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UNCLASSIFIED.**Memorial Day.**

Henry Clay Wade Corps,	\$35.00
Appropriation,	\$35.00

Printing Town Reports.

E. E. Landers, stock and labor,	\$230.00
Unexpended,	20.00

Appropriation,	\$250.00
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TOWN DEBT AND INTEREST.

County Savings Bank, debt,	\$1,000.00
M. V. National Bank, debt,	\$1,000.00

	\$2,000.00
Appropriation,	\$2,000.00

INTEREST.

County Savings Bank, interest,	\$180.00
Warren Institution for Savings,	153.15
M. V. National Bank,	1,217.72

	1,550.87
Unexpended,	299.13

Appropriation,	\$1,850.00
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RECAPITULATION.

Unex- pended	Appropri- ation	DEPARTMENTS	Expend- itures	Over- drafts
\$25.00	\$2,480.00	Salaries of Town Officers and Bonds	\$2,455.00	
	610.00	Expenses of Town Officers	673.60	\$63.60
1.00	200.00	Elections and Registrations	199.00	
		Court Fees	28.40	28.40
554.25	2,500.00	Police Salaries	1,945.75	
	200.00	Police Expenses	249.02	49.02
	1,460.00	Night Watch	1,484.00	24.00
	5.00	Dog Officer	5.00	
45.77	50.00	Board of Engineers	4.23	
33.34	50.00	Chief of Board of Engineers	16.66	
10.00	10.00	Clerk of Board of Engineers		
118.33	800.00	Firemen's Salaries	681.67	
	75.00	Engineer of Steamer	75.00	
15.00	15.00	Fireman of Steamer		
19.00	185.00	Stewards of Fire Houses	166.09	
209.44	300.00	Fuel and Lights	90.56	
	400.00	Contingent Expenses	423.75	23.75
	400.00	New Hose	420.90	20.00
	2,450.00	Hydrant Rental	2,450.00	
		Fire Alarm Box, New York Avenue	90.00	
10.00	100.00	Combination Hose & Chem- ical Truck	2,421.00	
279.00	2,700.00	Special Constable, Fish and Shellfish	50.00	
19.93	50.00	Special Constable, Expenses	30.07	
		Harbor Master, Salary and Expenses	137.50	37.50
	100.00	Board of Health, Salary and Expenses	502.90	
72.10	575.00	Collection of Swill and Gar- bage	784.00	84.00
	700.00	Care of Dump	176.50	126.50
	50.00	Animal Inspector, Salary	50.00	
		Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary	50.00	
	50.00	Public Sanataries	435.58	85.58
	350.00	Street Clearing	976.75	126.75
	850.00	Bulkheads and Bridges	833.38	433.38
371.00	400.00	Repairs to Concrete	4,629.00	
61.50	5,000.00	Repairs to Dirt Roads	638.50	
8.50	700.00	Repairs to Barnes Road	491.50	
140.00	500.00	Repairs to Farm Neck Road	360.00	
		Repairing Walls, Sunset Lake	115.00	
84.50	200.00	Snow Removal	313.00	113.00
	200.00	Street Lighting	6,372.09	622.09
	5,750.00			

Recapitulation—Continued.

Unex- pended	Appropri- ation	DEPARTMENTS	Expend- itures	Over- drafts
17.50	600.00	Catch Basins	582.50	
139.40	600.00	Widening Ocean Avenue	460.60	
980.02	5,000.00	Resurfacing New York Ave.	4,019.98	
	8,000.00	Sea View Avenue Sidewalk	8,000.00	
		School Street Culvert	111.63	111.63
	2,500.00	Dredging Lake Anthony	2,500.00	
	666.66	Concreting Penacook Ave.	670.76	4.10
	2,500.00	Support of Poor	2,628.63	128.63
	350.00	State Aid	362.00	12.00
	48.00	Military Aid	52.00	4.00
	600.00	Public Library	701.04	101.04
	150.00	School Committee Salary	150.00	
		Secretary of School Com-		
	50.00	mittee Salary	50.00	
	700.00	Superintendent's Salary	760.58	60.58
		Schools and Transportation		
196.90	15,000.00	of Scholars	14,803.10	
		School Expenses and Re-		
	2,000.00	pairs	4,052.05	2,052.05
	25.00	School Physician	25.00	
490.66	1,200.00	Vocational Education	709.34	
	600.00	Public Parks	635.00	35.00
	3,000.00	Special Parks	3,132.72	132.72
		Comfort Station, Waban		
33.03	200.00	Park	166.97	
		Electric Column, wiring		
	200.00	and Lighting	200.00	
	300.00	Advertising	300.00	
	1,000.00	Amusements	1,000.00	
	800.00	Moth Extermination	1,576.84	776.84
	160.00	Cemetery, Back Water Bill	163.13	3.13
4.77	1,000.00	Cemeteries	995.23	
	35.00	Memorial Day	35.00	
20.00	250.00	Printing Town Reports	230.00	
383.15	1,000.00	Reserve Fund	616.85	
250.00	250.00	Repairs to Town Hall		
		New Stove for Selectmen's		
33.97	100.00	room	66.03	
		Purchase of Leonard Prop-		
	1,700.00	erty	1,700.00	
299.13	3,850.00	Debt and Interest	3,550.87	
\$4,926.19	\$85,499.66		\$85,832.76	\$5,259.29
333.10	333.10	Excess of Overdraft		
\$5,259.29	\$85,832.76		\$85,832.76	\$5,259.29

Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS.

School buildings and land,	\$27,700.00
Town buildings and furnishings,	3,700.00
Lot on Pequot Avenue,	300.00
Land at Cemetery,	632.00
Vault in Selectmen's room,	1,500.00
Bandstands,	500.00
Highland Hose house and lot,	750.00
Hose House No. 3,	300.00
Hose House No. 4,	300.00
Motor truck,	2,700.00
Steam fire engine,	1,200.00
Hook and ladder truck,	1,200.00
Two hose wagons,	700.00
Three hose reels,	300.00
Hose, pipe and fixtures,	2,100.00
Fire alarm system,	3,600.00
Laid water pipes and mains,	4,000.00
Books in Public Library,	1,200.00
Trust funds,	7,893.16
Tax titles,	533.64
Cash in treasury, Dec. 31, 1921,	3,123.03
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	\$62,231.83

LIABILITIES.

School house fund, \$1,000.00 due Aug. 7, 1922),	\$3,000.00
M. V. National Bank, temporary loan,	5,000.00

Resurfacing Beach Road (\$1,000.00 due Dec. 15, 1922),	3,000.00
Sea View Avenue sidewalk (\$2,000.00 due July 15, 1922),	8,000.00
Resurfacing New York Avenue (\$1,000.00 due April 22, 1922,	5,000.00
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	\$24,000.00

Assets,	\$62,231.83
Liabilities,	24,000.00

Excess of assets over liabilities,	<hr/> \$38,231.83
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TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS.

Icabod Norton Trust Fund,	\$1,553.32
Rebecca Clark Trust Fund,	1,713.43
Mrs. A. K. Barbay Trust Fund,	3,098.05
M. H. Cornell Cemetery Trust Fund,	52.26
Julia Howell Cemetery Trust Fund,	26.10
Rebecca S. Bradford Cemetery Fund,	150.00
Mary A. Beetle Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
S. L. Norton Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
Lucy J. Dix, Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
C. W. Smith Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
A. S. Andrews Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
L. E. Phinney Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
L. S. Lewis Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
W. H. Davis Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
C. T. Luce Cemetery Trust Fund,	300.00
Amelia N. and H. C. Wade Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
F. O. Matthews Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
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	\$7,893.16

Auditor's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., Jan. 17, 1922.

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Oak Bluffs, Mass.:

Complying with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I herewith submit the Annual Report of the finances of the town for the year ending December 31, 1921. I have examined the accounts of all the officers and committees who are entrusted with receipts, custody or expenditures of money and certify to their correctness to the best of my knowledge and belief.

And I will take this opportunity to say that these several accounts were kept in a manner creditable to the various officials who kept them.

Respectfully submitted,

CLEMENT STUDLEY,

Auditor.

Report of Tax Collector

In account with E. H. Matthews, Collector of Taxes for 1921.

Poll Tax commitment:

342 Polls,		\$1,710.00
Paid Treasurer,	\$1,630.00	
Abatements,	60.00	
Recommitted,	20.00	
		<hr/> \$1,710.00

Total amount on tax book of Personal and Real

Estate,		\$77,373.18
Interest,		41.94
Fees,		113.87
		<hr/> \$77,528.99

Held by Town,	\$100.26	
Abatements,	1,469.36	
Fees,	113.87	
Recommitted,	511.65	
Costs,	65.32	
Paid Treasurer,	75,268.53	
		<hr/> \$77,528.99

Second Commitment, Dec. 16th, 1921:

Personal and Real Estate,		\$178.89
Paid Treasurer,	\$1.35	
Recommitted,	177.54	
		<hr/> \$178.89

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. MATTHEWS,

Tax Collector.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1921,	\$1,382.01
Temporary loans,	45,000.00
E. H. Matthews, taxes, 1920,	220.40
E. H. Matthews, taxes, 1921,	75,269.88
E. H. Matthews, poll taxes, 1921,	1,630.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Income tax, 1918,	38.00
Income tax, 1919,	126.00
Income tax, 1920,	630.00
Income tax, 1921,	1,218.00
Dependent mothers,	170.99
Civilian war poll tax,	171.00
Public Service Corporations,	245.75
School Fund,	1,532.50
Vocational School,	11.20
National Bank tax,	37.87
State Aid,	336.00
Soldier's exemption,	40.44
Tuition of scholars,	133.50
Superintendent of Schools,	483.33
Pedler's licenses,	6.00
Corporation tax, foreign,	12.81
Corporation tax, domestic,	250.24
Cemetery Committee:	
Receipts,	87.00

Perpetual care,	200.00
Perpetual care, income,	60.31
Dog Fund,	175.10
Rent of Court Room,	75.00
Board of Selectmen, licenses,	837.00
District Court fines,	153.31
Interest on deposits,	92.40
G. Harrington, sale of settees,	2.00
New Road, Pennacook Park, paid by abutters,	337.46
Vocational School:	
M. E. Vincent, food,	2.85
Miss Connick, rent,	6.00
Bessie S. Doyle, rent,	187.50
A. E. Cox, donation, Public Library,	5.00
Refunds:	
Poor Department,	240.00
Police expense,	5.20
Vocational School,	14.42
Resurfacing New York Avenue,	100.80
Redemption of property,	25.09
Income Rebecca Clarke fund,	41.13
New York Avenue loan,	5,000.00
Sea View Avenue sidewalk loan,	8,000.00
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	\$144,593.49

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on orders drawn by Board of Selectmen,	\$141,470.46
Balance in treasury,	3,123.03
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	\$144,593.49

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. MATTHEWS,

Town Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report

RETURN OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING YEAR ENDING 1921.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS
Feb. 3	— Amancio	M	Gile and Wilhelmena
Feb. 27	Malcolm Orr Welch	M	Milton and Rose
March 17	Libby Tavaes Barbosa	F	John T. and Mary
April 4	Manuel Henry Metell	M	Joseph and Rita
April 6	John Cochrane	M	Eugene and Mary
April 13	— Norton	M	Clarence W. and Violet H.
May 12	Marion Cardoza	F	James E. and Mary
June 6	Harriet May Peters	F	Charles W. and Frances A.
June 26	Elizabeth Combra	F	Domingo and Mary
June 30	Charles Conrad Heathman	M	Roscoe O. and Gladys L.
July 26	Gloria S. Rogers	F	Elmer L. and Jean M.
Aug. 5	Richard F. Silvia	M	Frank D. and Florine J.
Aug. 10	Violet DeBettencourt	F	John A. and Marion J.
Aug. 19	Manuel W. Estrella, Jr.	M	Manuel W. and Mary
Aug. 22	— Ameral	F	Merion D. and Alexandrina
Aug. 24	Antonio N. Jacob	M	Joseph and Mary H.
Sept. 2	Phillis C. Gilkes	F	Cooper A. and Elsie S.
Sept. 7	— Sylvia	M	William and Jeanette
Sept. 9	Richard L. Perry	M	Joseph C. and Alice M.
Sept. 15	Henry Corey	M	Frank and Emma
Oct. 13	Beth D. Williams	F	Charles A. and Luella M.
Oct. 27	Hilda D. Stevenson	F	Walter and Hilda M.
Nov. 13	Charles E. Cowdrey	M	William J. and Helen G.
Dec. 15	Joseph Rose	M	Joseph C. and Carrie H.

Total number of Births, 24.

MARRIAGES.

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
1919			
July 19	John T. Santos	23	Tisbury
	Louise Damas (Pachico)	21	Tisbury
Nov. 23	Lawrence J. Thomas	63	Edgartown
	Christine Lassen	34	Roxbury
Nov. 24	Joseph Rogers	25	Lizburn, Cal.
1920	Rosalie J. Cardoza	19	Chilmark
Dec. 31	Thomas A. McGrath.	62	Oak Bluffs
1921	Mary M. Marsland	37	Oak Bluffs
Jan. 17	William C. MacNeill	53	Oak Bluffs
	Helena L. Athearn	44	Oak Bluffs
May 6	William Sylvia	23	Oak Bluffs
	Jennie Hutton	25	Oak Bluffs
May 11	Arthur E. Hermanan	28	Bayonne, N. J.
	Louise E. Pinkham	26	Tisbury
June 7	Howard B. Parker	25	Wrentham, Mass.
	Elsbeth B. Hayden	20	Oak Bluffs
June 15	Frank R. Cataen	23	Oak Bluffs
	Mary R. Cabral	25	New Bedford
July 18	William E. Parsons	67	Oak Bluffs
	Alice O. Brownhill	46	Worcester
July 26	Malcolm T. Brown	22	Oak Bluffs
	Viola E. Hopkins	21	Oak Bluffs
Aug. 25	Harry K. Fuller	31	Oak Bluffs
	Martha Dewhirst	21	Oak Bluffs
Sept. 3	Edwin L. Bowker	41	Hartford, Conn.
	Helen E. Stoddard	26	Oak Bluffs
Sept. 8	John G. Gamacho, Jr.	29	Oak Bluffs
	Conceicas F. Carreira	18	Oak Bluffs
Sept. 17	Paul B. Madeiros, Jr.	26	Vineyard Haven
	Barbara Allen	18	Chilmark
Sept. 17	S. Blake Dean	23	Boston
	Ethel M. Dean	22	Boston
Sept. 17	Jay Davison Williams	30	Bridgeport, Conn.
	Elona G. Stanley	29	Oak Bluffs
Sept. 20	Manuel R. Silvia	25	Oak Bluffs
	Agnes T. Monahan	30	Oak Bluffs
Sept. 26	John Alfred Sylvia	29	Oak Bluffs
	Anna Cecelia Burgess	20	Oak Bluffs
Sept. 26	Joseph S. Machado	46	Oak Bluffs
	Mary C. Medeiros	40	Taunton
Sept. 27	Albert L. Pollard	26	Oak Bluffs
	Ruth E. Frye	24	Oak Bluffs
Oct. 12	William J. Ryan	46	Oak Bluffs
	Anna M. Thomas	26	Oak Bluffs

Marriages—Continued

DATE		NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
Oct.	15	Joseph D. Sylvia	27	Oak Bluffs
		Margaret M. Donohue	34	Pawtucket
Oct.	19	Antone E. Frazier	22	Barnstable
		Julia Ferreira	17	Oak Bluffs
Nov.	17	Eben D. Bodfish	52	Oak Bluffs
		Elizabeth J. Legg	47	Oak Bluffs
Nov.	26	Frederick E. Zurwelle	34	New York
		Edna M. Hamblin	25	Oak Bluffs
Dec.	28	Manuel Parent	25	Oak Bluffs
		Maria D. Starr	33	Oak Bluffs

Total number of Marriages, 23.

DEATHS.

DATE		NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
			Y.	M.	D.	
Jan.	28	Lucy E. Rice	91	4	23	Senile debility
Feb.	10	John H. Silvia	20	2	9	Exophthalmic goitre
Feb.	28	Emma M. Robinson	68	2	28	Heart disease
Mar.	23	Herbert Bernard	5	10	2	Dilatation of heart
Mar.	21	Lois E. Trueworthy	71	8	—	Broncho pneumonia
Apr.	25	Lucy J. Smith Dix	82	6	7	Senility
Apr.	27	George H. Bernard	—	10	26	Acute bronchitis
May	27	Bertha M. H. Matthews	40	3	21	Chronic interstitial nephritis
June	9	Mary A. Ferris	81	9	22	Myocarditis
June	19	Carrie I. Jordan	61	—	—	Paralysis
June	29	Trueman J. Ellinwood	91	0	19	Senile debility
July	2	Laura C. Terra	18	1	—	Pulmonary tuberculosis
July	5	Edward J. Duart.	1	6	26	Infantile atrophy
July	14	Anna E. Marshall	71	7	7	Angina pectoris
July	21	Frank Vera	84	7	21	Senility
July	29	Albert W. Vennerbeck	20	9	28	Pulmonary tuberculosis
Aug.	1	Adelaide M. Suesman	71	3	28	Myocarditis
Aug.	2	George White	53	—	—	Heart disease
Aug.	3	Rose V. Stock	41	3	19	Pulmonary tuberculosis
Sept.	7	— Sylvia	1h.	15m.	—	Inanition
Aug.	26	Antonio N. Jacob	—	—	2	Broncho pneumonia
Sept.	19	John Cochran	—	5	13	Heart disease
Sept.	25	Louisa Nunes	10	11	6	Tetanus
Oct.	1	Walter Bagshaw	66	11	27	Heart disease
Oct.	18	Daniel W. Osborn	82	8	9	Carcinoma of bladder
Oct.	24	Aaron F. Raymond	83	1	5	Ptomaine poisoning
Oct.	27	Joseph DeBettencourt	55	11	12	Chronic myocarditis
Nov.	30	Octavia Monville	77	1	—	Cancer of the bowel
Dec.	3	George H. Stratton	80	9	14	Cerebral hemorrhage
Dec.	9	Emma I. Matthews	75	5	11	Carcinoma of the breast

Total number of Deaths, 30.

SUMMARY OF RETURNS.

The following are the statistics of births, marriages and deaths:

BIRTHS.

Total number of births, 24. Males, 14; females, 10.

MARRIAGES.

Total number of marriages, 23.

DEATHS

Total number of deaths, 30.

DOG TAX ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1921.

57 males at \$20.00,	\$114.00
11 spayed females at \$2.00,	22.00
25 females at \$5.00,	125.00
—	—
93 Total,	\$261.00
93 Clerk's fees,	18.60
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Paid County Treasurer,	\$242.40

JOHN MILLER,

Oak Bluffs, Jan. 10, 1922. Town Clerk.

Report of Library Trustees

The Board of Library Trustees wish to report an increased interest each year in the Public Library, but feel much better service could be given the schools and general public for both reference and recreation purposes if we had adequate quarters so our Librarian would be able to use our material to greater advantage. We are practically unable to maintain any reading room and there certainly is a need of one, especially for the Grammar and High School scholars, so they may be encouraged to acquire a habit of intelligent reading which will be a help to them during their later life.

There has been an Island Library Association formed for the purpose of collecting and arranging Island literature, and anyone who has any material relating to Marthas Vineyard or in any way connected with same by residence or visit author, is asked to communicate with Mr. Marshall Shepard, Edgartown, Mass., who is arranging the collection or with any of the local trustees.

Appended is report of Librarian which shows the interest taken in our Library by friends.

E. G. ELDRIDGE,

H. A. EDDY,

W. C. RIPLEY,

Library Trustees.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:—I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1921. The circulation has been very satisfactory, especially in the juvenile department, and the co-operation between the library and the schools has steadily increased.

During the year the following gifts of books and maga-

zines were received :

Mrs. George Rolfe, 38 volumes.

Mrs. Ralph Messinger, 20 volumes.

Thomas Bradley, 9 volumes.

Rev. G. V. Morris, 2 volumes.

Gertrude Leach, 4 volumes.

Stanley House, 1 volume.

Mrs. Carrie Jordan, 1 volume.

Mrs. E. G. Eldridge, Woman's Home Companion.

Mr. A. E. Cox, \$5.00.

E. E. Landers, Marthas Vineyard Herald.

Dr. H. T. Dean, Youth's Companion.

A valuable bequest of two pieces of statuary and a large steel engraving was received from estate of T. J. Ellinwood.

In accordance with your instructions the amounts received from cards and fines have been expended for books and supplies. The financial account follows :

Receipts.

On hand January 1, 1921,	\$.89
Received from cards, fines and other sources,	89.74
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	\$90.63

Payments.

39 books purchased,	\$58.30
Cards, labels and sundry supplies,	22.17
On hand January 1, 1922,	.16
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	\$90.63

In conclusion I wish to thank the trustees for the hearty support accorded me, and to express my appreciation to all who have rendered favors during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

MAE C. GORHAM,

Librarian.

Report of Special Committee for Parks

EXPENSES OCEAN, HARTFORD, WABAN AND NINANTIC PARKS FOR 1921.

Special Park Commission

1921.

Apr. 8	Studley Coffee Co., Fertilizer, as per bill,	\$13.00
8	Studley Coffee Co., Seed, as per bill,	35.00
8	John C. Hamblin, catch basin, as per bill,	48.00
8	John A. McGrath, labor, as per bill,	289.00
8	Joseph Carey, 25 loads dressing, as per bill,	75.00
May 28	Thomas A. McGrath, labor and material, as per bill,	579.90
July 1	Thomas A. McGrath, labor and material, as per bill,	379.50
1	Cottage City Water Co., service 749, as per bill,	20.00
1	Cottage City Water Co., service 1189, as per bill,	20.00
1	Cottage City Water Co., service 1021, as per bill,	18.00
9	R. D. Robinson, painting settees and columns, as per bill,	35.00
23	Cottage City Water Co., service 1189, as per bill,	79.30

Aug. 3	Woodhouse Conservatories, plants, as per bill,	845.25
5	John A. McGrath, labor and shrubs, as per bill,	316.60
13	Thomas A. McGrath, labor and stock, as per bill,	190.46
11	Cottage City Water Co., service 308, as per bill,	18.00
11	Cottage City Water Co., service 308, as per bill,	.75
Sept. 6	Frank Maderias, plumbing, as per bill,	9.17
10	John A. McGrath, labor, as per bill,	28.00
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		\$2,999.93
Apr. 8	Thos. A. McGrath, Roque Courts,	\$24.00
6	John H. Crowell,	12.50
June 13	M. J. Keegan, cement base columns,	12.00
Sept. 10	John C. Hamblin, moving park,	22.00
10	Thos. A. McGrath, labor,	143.00
Aug. 30	Pettengill-Andrews, balls for columns,	15.00
Oct. 5	C. T. James, 7 stones,	28.00
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		256.50
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		\$3,256.43
Town appropriations for parks,		\$3,000.00
L. W. Besse, contributions,		256.50
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		3,256.50
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Over,		.07

WABAN PARK COMFORT STATION.

May 10	H. A. Eddy, material and labor, re-	
	pairing and painting,	\$134.12
	R. D. Robinson, painting,	32.85
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		\$166.97
	Appropriation,	\$200.00
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	Unexpended,	\$33.03

SEAVIEW AVENUE WALK

1921.

May 26	H. N. Hinckley, material as per bill,	\$2,206.43
27	H. N. Hinckley, material and labor as per bill,	3,750.93
Sept. 9	H. N. Hinckley, material and labor as per bill,	4,534.50
	Extra for enlarging fence,	650.00
	Freight,	4.18
	Labor and transportation, electric cable,	106.54
July 25	Eight 300 W. Mazda lamps,	20.92
Sept. 6	R. D. Robinson, painting fence and columns,	104.00
	John H. Crowell, surveys,	105.78
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		\$11,493.28
	Appropriation by town,	\$8,000.00
	L. W. Besse, contribution,	3,493.28
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		\$11,493.28

L. W. BESSE,

A. E. COX,

E. G. ELDRIDGE,

Special Park Commissioners.

Surveyor of Highways' Report

To the voters of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit my report as road surveyor for the past year. During the year I have endeavored to keep the highways in as good condition as possible with the money at my command, and yet keep within the appropriations.

The severe storms have made it necessary for the expenditure of several hundred dollars at the water front which was not included in the estimates of the Finance Committee. I believe that the efficient work that has been done by the state at the sea wall will save the town many thousand dollars in the coming years at this point.

It was also necessary to rebuild the School Street culvert at an expense of \$111.63, which had no appropriation.

At the corner of Temahigan and New York Avenues, the condition of the road became dangerous from the washing away of the bank on the north side. This has been remedied by raising the grade and turning the water down the New York Avenue section toward the wharf, while a substantial cement wall and fence have been built at this point.

In spite of the emergencies and the latter work I am pleased to report that there is an unexpended balance to the credit of this department of \$160.29.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE D. SILVIA.

Oak Bluffs, Jan. 10, 1922.

Report of Finance Committee

The following appropriations are recommended by the Finance Committee for the following year:

General Government:

Moderator,	\$15.00
Selectmen,	600.00
Clerk of Selectmen,	150.00
Selectmen's expenses,	200.00
Auditor,	100.00
Expenses,	30.00
Treasurer,	420.00
Expenses,	25.00
Collector,	470.00
Expenses,	40.00
Assessors,	300.00
Expenses,	100.00
Abatements,	1,500.00
Town Counsel,	75.00
Town Clerk,	200.00
Expenses, fees,	150.00
Board of Registrars,	100.00
Expenses,	200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,	100.00
Expenses,	40.00
Tree Warden,	25.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police,	2,200.00
Expenses,	200.00

Night Watch,	1,460.00
Dog Officer,	5.00
Board of Engineers,	50.00
Clerk of Engineers,	10.00
Chief Engineer,	50.00
Firemen,	800.00
Superintendent of Fire Alarm,	50.00
Care of Fire Alarm Battery,	200.00
Steward of steamer house,	35.00
Steward of Hydrant Hose No. 1,	35.00
Steward of Hydrant Hose No. 2,	25.00
Steward of Hydrant Hose No. 3,	25.00
Steward of Hydrant Hose No. 4,	25.00
Fuel and Lights,	300.00
Contingent expenses,	400.00
Hydrant rental,	2,450.00
Repairs town buildings,	1,000.00
A. L. Repairs Town Hall,	250.00
Harbor Master,	50.00
Expenses,	50.00
Moth extermination,	1,049.00
Health and Sanitation:	
Board of Health,	75.00
Expenses,	500.00
Collection of swill,	700.00
Care of dump,	75.00
Animal Inspector,	50.00
Inspection of Slaughtering,	50.00
Public sanitarries,	450.00
Street cleaning,	850.00
Agent of B. of H.	100.00
Highways:	
Town pier repairs,	1,000.00
Bulkheads and bridges,	400.00

Repairs to concrete,	4,000.00
Repairs to dirt roads,	2,000.00
Repairs, Sunset Lake,	200.00
Snow,	200.00
Street lights,	6,300.00
Charities :	
Support of Poor,	2,500.00
Soldiers' Benefits :	
State Aid and Military Aid,	400.00
Libraries :	
Public Library,	600.00
Education :	
School Committee,	150.00
Secretary of School Committee,	50.00
Superintendent of Schools,	850.00
Schools,	17,680.00
Expenses, repairs,	2,300.00
Physician,	100.00
Nurse,	540.00
Vacational education,	1,200.00
Recreation :	
Public Parks, including Penacook Park,	900.00
Special Parks, Ocean, Hartford, Niántic,	
Waban,	2,500.00
Cemeteries :	
Care of Cemeteries,	1,000.00
Unclassified :	
Amusements,	1,000.00
Printing Town Reports,	250.00
Memorial Day,	35.00
Reserve Fund,	1,500.00
Advertising,	300.00

Debt and Interest :

Town debt,	5,000.00
Interest,	2,000.00

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS.

The purchase of two (2) one-ton truck chassis for the use of Hose 2 and Hose 4, at a cost of \$1,550.00, including the equipping of both.

The appropriation of \$50.00 for a special constable for fish, and \$50.00 for expenses for same.

The additional dredging of Oak Bluffs harbor to cost \$2,200.00 the town's share to be \$500.00.

The Finance Committee recommends the town employ an attorney to look up land titles in question, on the Assessor's books.

Recommend a road scraper for the highways.

Recommend the town books be audited by the state after this year.

HUBERT T. DEAN, Chairman,

D. J. McBRIDE, Secretary.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DUKES COUNTY, SS.

To Either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Oak Bluffs qualified to vote in town affairs and elections to assemble at the Strand Theatre in said Oak Bluffs, on TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1922, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at the said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named town officers:

A Town Clerk for one year.

Three Selectmen and Overseers of Poor for one year.

An Assessor for three years.

An Assessor for one year to fill unexpired term.

A Treasurer for one year.

An Auditor for one year.

A Collector of Taxes for one year.

A Member of the School Committee for three years.

A Member of the Cemetery Committee for three years.

A Surveyor of Highways for one year.

A Park Commissioner for three years.

Two Constables for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

And to vote on the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

The polls for the reception of votes for all the aforesaid officers and said question, will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, the eighth day of February, A. D. 1922, and will be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless a later hour be determined upon by the meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Auditor and other committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and appropriations for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations of the same.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see what action the town will take relative to night watch.

Article 8. To see if the Town will fix the time for the payment of all taxes assessed and will direct what rate of interest shall be demanded in case taxes are not paid at the time specified.

Article 9. To see if the town will direct the Assessors to remit all taxes as can not, in the judgment, be collected.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes that a Town Treasurer, when appointed Collector, may use.

Article 11. To see if the town will pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1923, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1923, and to issue note or notes therefore, payable within one year; any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1923.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to motorize the apparatus of Hose Company No. 4, and for that purpose will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to purchase a one ton chassis, to be equipped, with the body of the present Hydrant Hose No. 1, with suitable equipment of chemicals, tools, etc.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to motorize the apparatus of Highland Hose No. 2, and for that purpose will raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) to purchase a one ton chassis and the equipping of the body of the present wagon upon same, with suitable equipment of chemicals, tools, etc.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to concrete the road on the north side of Nashawena park beginning at the west side of the Durfee property and extending to and member with the concrete now down on the side of part of the Catholic church parsonage property at the corner of Circuit avenue and Nashawena park, and the road on the south side of the park beginning at the west side of the Irving property and extending only to Wamsutta avenue inclusive; together with the roads connecting the north and south sides of the park, one being

where the homes of Messrs. Dillingham and Mead are located and the other at the corner of the Abell and Hussey (or Wing) properties.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five hundred dollars \$(3,500.00) to acquire the land lying on the north side of Circuit avenue extension between Oak Bluffs avenue and the jetties now owned by John H. Pray Co. and others.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to lay a reinforced concrete sidewalk 12 feet in width with oval curbing on Sea View avenue, beginning at the northerly end of the present concrete sidewalk and extending the same northerly approximately 805 feet to a point at the boundary line of land formerly of the John H. Pray Company, said sidewalk to be located in accordance with a plan drawn by John H. Crowell, civil engineer; and to authorize and instruct the selectmen and town treasurer to secure a loan of not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of said walk.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the care of Ocean, Hartford, Waban and Niantic parks. Recommended by Special Park Committee.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 to widen and concrete Ocean avenue to a width of 30 feet, from a point beginning at the intersection of Grove and Ocean avenues to the intersection of Sea View and Ocean avenues, said widening to be located in accordance with a plan drawn by John H. Crowell, civil engineer, adding approximately 1,100 square yards of concrete and reducing or eliminating the grass plot at the intersection of Naumkeag and Ocean avenues in front of the Corbin cottage.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$300.00 for the improvement of Penacook park. As petitioned by the abbuttors.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) to be used by the Governor Mayhew Post, 242, of the American Legion, for further improvements of the interior of the Town hall, now headquarters of Governor Mayhew Post 242, of the American Legion, in accordance with the Act, To authorize cities and towns to appropriate money to provide suitable headquarters for Posts of the American Legion, in accordance with Chapter 254, Section one and two, approved April 6, 1920.

Article 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, for the purpose of laying out and beautifying Nashawena park, from the westerly side at Circuit avenue, continuing easterly as far as Wamsutta avenue, as requested by Rev. Edward J. Moriarty and others.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to grade Hiawatha avenue from Circuit avenue to Pocasset avenue.

Article 24. To see if the town will abate certain uncollected taxes.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to build a catch basin on the northerly side of Penacook avenue opposite the residence of John W. McGrath, as requested by Frank Vera, Jr., and other property owners.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to concrete Katama avenue from Tuckernuck avenue to the extreme end toward Farm pond as already laid out and accepted by the town, as petitioned by the abbuttors.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Towanticut avenue, near the residence of Margaret P. Gough as petitioned for by Osgood Mayhew and others.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Atlantic avenue near the residence of W. L. Wall as petitioned by Walter C. Ripley and others. A summer light.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Myrtle avenue near the residence of Arthur Eddy, as petitioned by Arthur Eddy and others.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to accept Plymouth avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, according to a plan prepared by John H. Crowell, civil engineer.

Article 31. So see if the town will vote to accept South Circuit avenue from Circuit avenue to Naumkeag avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen according to a plan drawn by John H. Crowell, civil engineer.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to accept South avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, according to a plan drawn by John H. Crowell, civil engineer.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to accept Second avenue as laid out by the Selectmen, according to a plan drawn by John H. Corwell, civil engineer.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00, same being the town's proportional part of \$2200 for dredging in Oak Bluffs harbor to increase the anchorage area, as recommended by the Department of Public Works, Division of Waterways and Public Lands. Recommended by Finance Committee.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to create the office of Clerk of Committees, who shall act as clerk of all boards and committees of the town; and establish the salary thereof.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be published in the Marthas Vineyard Herald, and by

posting two copies thereof in two public places in the Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place specified in this warrant.

Given under our hands, this twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1922.

DAVID HEATLEY,
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,
WALTER C. RIPLEY,

Selectmen of the Town of Oak Bluffs.

Pursuant to above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in this warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

HARRY T. WEBB, Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 25, 1922.

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SCHOOL REPORT

1921



Report of School Committee

Oak Bluffs, Mass.,

Jan. 23, 1921.

To the Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

We herewith submit the following report: The past year has been most encouraging. The advancement in scholarship and interest shown by one teaching staff is worthy of special mention.

The care and general health of the pupils have been assigned to a trained nurse who has made examinations of each child, with the assistance of the School Physician, and in cases where needed, the parents have been given instructions so that minor ailments could be remedied. It is hoped that these instructions will be followed.

The report of the nurse will give further information relative to her work and accomplishments.

There is constant need of repairs and improvements in keeping the school building up to the required standard. During the summer of 1921 it was necessary to install new steel ceilings, thereby making permanent improvement.

Many other improvements have been made, such as painting in restful tints, the white walls thus overcoming the glare so injurious to the eyes.

Repairs to plumbing and other needed improvements and replacements have been made.

The boilers of the heating plant have been inspected and other things done for the safety and welfare of the children.

The number of pupils is increasing each year and at the opening of the fall term Oak Bluffs had the largest enrollment of any of the Island schools. This necessitated the purchase of additional desks, books, supplies, etc. As the numbers increase, so must expense increase if the present high standard is to be maintained.

The Leonard cottage, so called was purchased for the Vocational Department and some changes were made to the building to comply with the requirements of the State Board of Education, such as painting and necessary repairs.

For the information of those who may not know, we would say that the State bears one-half the expense of maintaining this department.

The amount of reimbursement for the past term has not been received up to this time, so therefore does not show in this report.

The cottage was rented during the past summer and realized a good return on the investment.

Further information pertaining to this department will be found in the report of the teacher in charge.

We also refer you to the reports of Superintendent Martin and Principal Keyes for other general information.

You have efficient teachers, working in harmony with the School Committee, Superintendent and Principal, doing conscientious work for the up building of the general welfare and education of those under their charge.

Following is the financial report of the amounts received and disbursed by the committee:

Education:

School Committee, salary,	\$150.00
Appropriation,	\$150.00
School Committee, Secretary,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

Superintendent's salary,		\$760.58
Appropriation,	700.00	
Received from State,	483.33	
	<hr/>	1,183.33
Unexpended,		<hr/> \$422.75
School expenses,		4,052.05
Appropriation,	\$2,000.00	
Received from State,	1,666.00	
	<hr/>	3,666.00
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$386.05
Vocational education,		\$709.34
Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
Received from State,	25.62	
Received from sale of food,	2.85	
Received from rent of cottage,	193.50	
	<hr/>	1,421.97
Unexpended,		<hr/> \$712.63
Schools and Transportation of Scholars:		
Teachers' salaries,		\$13,220.10
C. W. Norton, transportation,		418.00
D. J. McBride, transportation,		345.00
Merion Amaral, Janitor,		820.00
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		\$14,803.10
Unexpended,		196.90
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		\$15,000.00

School Physician:

Dr. E. P. Worth, salary,

\$25.00

Respectfully submitted,

HOSEA S. LOOK, Chairman.

M. E. VINCENT, Secretary.

C. P. HAYDEN.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1922-1923.

Winter Term: Jan. 3 to April 13, 1922.

Spring Term: April 24 to June 16, 1922.

Fall Term: Sept. 11 to Dec. 22, 1922.

Winter Term: Jan. 2 to March 29, 1923.

Spring Term: April 9 to 15, 1923.

The upper grades may keep later in June if necessary to get the required 180 days.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Herewith is submitted my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools. The reports of the High School Principal, Special Teacher, Physician and School Nurse are made a part of this.

THINGS ACCOMPLISHED. TEACHERS.

By paying adequate salaries we have retained our best teachers and have filled vacancies with trained or experienced ones, who are earnest in their efforts to be successful. Of course our island conditions make it more difficult to get and retain the best teachers unless we offer larger salaries than are offered on the main land. All the towns of the island made liberal increases in appropriations for teachers' salaries last year and I trust that further increases may be made possible.

ATTENDANCE.

The opening of our schools in the fall found us with an increased registration. This meant increased expenditures for supplies, seats and an extra teacher. The overdraft can be traced to this increase in attendance. On the whole the attitude towards regular and punctual attendance is gratifying there being very few cases of truancy. With just a little more co-operation on the part of parents we can eliminate irregular attendance almost entirely. *Please help.*

HEALTH.

The watchword this year has been "Health." Everyone agrees that health is the greatest of our blessings. For years the law has required every town to have a school physician and the last legislature enacted a law requiring every town to have a school nurse. Towns of under \$1,000,000 valuation may be exempted from complying with this law but up to the present none of the towns of this district have been so exempted.

Oak Bluffs and Edgartown hire a local nurse who gives at least one day a week in each town. For several weeks she gave her entire time to the schools. Our school physician with the school nurse has made a thorough examination of each child and any defects found have been reported to the parents. One of the duties of the nurse is to follow up these cases and try to have defects remedied. While the work is just started good results are constantly being noted.

Early in the fall we enrolled the pupils of the elementary schools (who wished to be enrolled) in the Modern Health Crusade. Every child is asked to do and keep a record of certain health chores every day. At the end of five week periods if the child has a score of 75% or more he is given an award. Parents are asked to co-operate to see that the child forms these *health habits*. Habits are easily formed in the young and we as parents should be willing to co-operate. Many favorable reports are coming from parents. The chores are as follows:

1. I washed my hands before each meal.
2. I washed my face, arms and neck, and cleaned my finger-nails.
3. I tried to keep everything unclean or injurious out of my mouth and nose.

4. I brushed my teeth thoroughly morning and evening.

5. I took ten or more slow, deep breaths of fresh air.

6. I played outdoors or with windows open more than thirty minutes.

7. I was in bed at least ten hours last night and kept my windows open.

8. I drank at least four glasses of water, but drank no tea nor coffee.

9. I tried to eat, slowly, only wholesome food, and went to toilet at my regular time.

10. I tried to sit and stand erect; to keep neat, cheerful and clear-minded.

11. I took a full bath on each day of the week marked x.

The finances for this crusade come from the Massachusetts Tuberculosis League and all the pupils have been helping raise funds for this organization by selling Christmas Seals. A large percentage of the money raised will be used here on the island for the promotion of health among the pupils.

The best part of this sale has been the spirit of helpfulness shown by both the sellers and buyers of the seals. they have not only helped a great cause but have helped themselves.

The Junior Red Cross was established in our school during the war and did excellent work till the war closed and then, as there was no definite work for it to do, it has been inactive. Recently it has been re-organized along new lines and I think every pupil is now a member—the motto is "I Serve." If we all live up to the motto we will surely make this world a pleasanter place for all.

EDUCATIONAL WEEK.

December 4 to 10 was observed as National Educational Week on the Island as well as throughout the whole United States. Special effort was made to get citizens to visit our schools so as to inform them of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure co-operation and support of the public in meeting these needs. I am sorry to record that not many visited the school during this week. Quoting from "School Life":

"No service has suffered more from unintelligent criticism than the schools. The average citizen does not read educational literature or accounts of teachers' meetings, or visit schools to learn what they are doing. He has a conception of school only as he knew it in his own school days.

"American education week should give the taxpayers who furnish the funds for the public schools first-hand knowledge of the service for which they pay.

"It is the duty of all the friends of education to think seriously and work hard on the problem of keeping the idea of public education before all the people."

COMMERCIAL COURSES.

At the opening of the school in the fall, New Royal typewriters were added to the equipment for the commercial course. This department is better equipped than ever before and is offering a very good business course. The teacher is a graduate of the Normal Department of the Bay Path Institute, Springfield. Pupils do not need to leave the island to get a working knowledge of typewriting or shorthand.

EDUCATIONAL TRIPS.

The graduating class of the High School took a trip to Washington in June. Many of the seventh and eighth grade pupils went to New Bedford and visited industries there. All these trips have a high educational value, and

if they can be properly financed and conducted, should be encouraged.

Many of our pupils had never visited Gay Head so a Grand Picnic was arranged in June and nearly every pupil from grades one to six went. The cliffs were explored, the lighthouse visited and the drill of the Coast Guards was witnessed. Later in the day sports were enjoyed at the Fair Grounds at West Tisbury.

NEEDS.

The one great need of equal interest to all the towns of the district is the establishment of one high school, where the educational needs of all high school pupils could be more adequately met and more efficiently administered than is being done at present. Just one instance shows the present inefficiency. We are employing on the island three commercial teachers at salaries totaling over \$3,000 when one teacher could do most of this work in a consolidated school. Our schools both elementary and high should be such that no parent should feel compelled to send his child off-island to complete his pre-college education.

I believe that the coming year we should make use of Standard Achievement tests and intelligence tests. M. E. Haggerty an expert on these matters has the following to say: Achievement Tests.

Within recent years educational science has developed standardized tests and scales for measuring the achievements of school children. One of the obvious advantages of such measuring instruments is that they offer standards of attainment for the several grades based upon the performance of a large number of children to whom they have been given. They present, therefore, a known difficulty for the several grades, and with such tests it is possible to determine the relative standing of any pupil or any class in terms of standard scores.

The usefulness of such standard scales and tests is now generally accepted in leading educational circles throughout the country. The time has come when the efficiency of teaching and the progress of children in certain subjects can be more clearly stated in terms of standard tests than in any other way. •

INTELLIGENCE TESTS.

While the use of achievement tests may thus be said to be a fairly well-established procedure in leading school systems throughout the country, the employment of tests of general intelligence is less wide-spread. There can be little doubt, however, that the time is ripe for a considerable extension of intelligence testing in connection with regular school procedure. Such testing should be in part supplementary to the use of achievement tests; in part it should be a substitute for the tests in regular school subjects.

The intelligence tests attempt to measure, in a more discriminating way than do the achievement tests, the native intelligence of a pupil. They thus give additional information upon which to judge the reasonable progress of a pupil and an additional basis for his classification and instruction.

It is clearly to the interest of any child that his teacher have accurate appreciation of his general intelligence, whether it be high or low. If he is of low intelligence, he should not only be grouped along with other children of his own level, but he should be instructed by methods adapted to his needs. If he is of superior quality, he should be given every reasonable chance to learn rapidly and to receive the kind of training which his capacities warrant.

The average child should be known for what he is and instructed accordingly.

Instead of simply an age test for admittance to school an intelligence test is without doubt a better standard. Some pupils at 5 are better able to take up the work of the first grade than are others at 6.

Some provision should be made for school luncheons for undernourished pupils and dental attention for those with defective teeth. A traveling dental Clinic would fill a much needed want.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MARTIN.

Principal's Report

Mr. Robert W. Martin,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

According to custom I will submit my second annual report.

This year the size of the high school has increased exactly one hundred per cent. over last year. We have been working for an increase and are glad that we have it, but we are very much crowded for room and will be more so next year as we have a graduating class of four and a probable Freshman class of fourteen. So that it is only a matter of time before we must have more room.

This year we have started on the six-year high school by extending departmental work into the seventh and eighth grades. The results are gratifying and I am sure it is going to work out successfully as soon as it can be perfected.

I feel that the school has been very materially strengthened by the attitude of the Superintendent and School Committee in keeping so many of the older teachers. We can not have an efficient school if we keep changing teachers.

I realize that the changing over of our Commercial Course has been expensive, but I am very much pleased with the results and feel justified in saying that the high school here, will give a pupil as good a commercial education as the majority of business colleges.

We have changed over from the Pitman to the Gregg system of shorthand. This has been done to meet the growing popularity for the Gregg system both in schools and offices.

I appreciate the co-operation of the teachers this fall. I think almost without exception each teacher is working for the best interest of the school. This is shown by the increase in the daily attendance. The average attendance for December which is one of our worst months in the year was 94 per cent. This was an increase of about 14 per cent. over last year.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH H. KEYES.

Report on Vocational School

Mr. Robert W. Martin, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my second annual report on the work accomplished and planned in the vocational school.

The course begins in the seventh grade and continues through the first year of the high school. There are three classes, namely:

Class A.—Grade VII consisting of 11 girls.

Class B.—Grade VIII consisting of 8 girls.

Class C.—Freshmen consisting of 5 girls.

In accordance with the Smith Hughes Act, each girl spends one-half of her total school time; that is, twelve hours in vocational work. One-half of this time, that is, six hours is spent in practical work at the model cottage on the Highlands. The other six hours are spent at school in related work as arithmetic, English, history, etc.

At the model cottage the girls receive their instruction in a homelike atmosphere. Hence the course is also known as the home-making course. There are three separate courses; namely, domestic science, domestic arts and household management.

The course in domestic science includes cooking, food study, marketing, planning and preparation of balanced meals. In the fall the girls did quite a bit of preserving and canning.

The domestic arts course includes serving, dressmaking, the study of textiles and millinery. In this the girls learn not only to make garments but also to draft simple patterns and to adjust commercial patterns to their own measurements. Several girls have already made dresses and others plan to make them in the spring. Lessons in renovating, remodelling and dyeing of dresses have been given the high school girls. Special attention was paid at Christmas time to the making of simple Christmas presents such as collar and cuff sets, pin cushions, boudoir caps, bags, etc. In millinery they learn to renovate and remodel old hats as well as to make new ones. A number of girls have made felt tam-o'shanters either for themselves or their sisters.

The course in sewing is offered also in the fifth and sixth grades. Since the girls are younger and less experienced, simpler garments are made. The classes are as follows:

Grade V, consisting of 16 girls.

Grade VI, consisting of 12 girls.

In the high school the course in household management is required for the freshmen girls, ten in number. In it they are taught various principles involved in efficient home-making. A few of these are the planning of a suitable house, taking each room separately as well as all of them collectively; the efficient arrangement of the articles in the room; the planning of daily and weekly schedules for the home-maker, household accounts, personal accounts, budget-making, etc. In the seventh and eighth grades one double period a week is given over to household management. Then the girls learn bedmaking; care of the fire and the stoves; laundering; care of the kitchen, dining room, living room and bedrooms; and simple accounts. Last year the girls made eleven pairs of curtains for the cottage.

This year they plan to make other articles that are needed.

Several times during the year the department will give either a tea, dinner, luncheon or entertainment, inviting one or more guests. Each girl takes her turn as hostess, waitress and guest. The refreshments are planned, prepared and served by the girls. At Christmas two entertainments were given at the cottage. The one on Monday, Dec. 19, was given by the girls of the fifth and sixth grades and four fourth grade girls who sew after school once a week. The one on Tuesday, Dec. 20, was given by the girls of the seventh and eighth grades and the first year high school. In each case the girls cut down their own tree and trimmed it after school hours. The teachers of the school were invited.

Some home project work has been carried out in the past year and more is planned for 1922. This enables the girls to apply at home what they learn at the model cottage.

Bread and garment clubs are being formed for girls from 10 to 21. This is under the supervision of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst with the superintendent of schools as the county leader and the teacher of the vocational department as local leader. This is also to encourage work at home.

We have used the following books either in class or as reference:

"Shelter and Clothing," by Kinne and Cooley.

"Textiles," by Woolman.

"Housewifery," by Balderson.

"Household Arithmetic," by Ball and West.

"Household Science and Art," by Josephine Morris.

"School Needlework," by Hapgood.

"Household Engineering," by Christine Frederick.

"Rumford Complete Cook Book," by Lily Wallace.

"Boston Cooking School Cook Book," by Fannie Farmer.

"Planning and Furnishing the Home," by Mary J. Quinn.

"Makers of Many Things," by Eva Tappan.

"Household Physics," by Alfred Butler.

"Chemistry of Common Things," by Brownlee and Fuller.

"House Furnishing and Decoration," by McClure and Eberlein.

Government Bulletins.

The Delineator, The Designer and the Modern Priscilla for each month.

Excellent work has been done by the pupils this year. Several additions have been made to the equipment during the past year and we hope to be able to have a few more in the near future. An exhibition of the pupils' work was held last spring and one will be held this coming spring. The co-operation of the public is greatly appreciated and they are urged to visit the model cottage if possible.

Respectfully submitted,

M. LOUISE CONNICK.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. R. W. Martin, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my first report as school nurse. The work was started in November, so at this time there is not much to report. The law requires each town to have a school nurse, so Edgartown and Oak Bluffs have combined and are employing one nurse. I have assisted Dr. Worth in making a thorough examination of each pupil. Parents have been notified of all defects and the nurse will co-operate with the parents to see that defects are remedied. To do this it will be necessary for conferences between parents and nurse. All pupils are weighed and measured each month, following the plan of the Health Crusade, which teaches the first rule of health, "To be Clean."

The parents have responded well when notified of the child's physical condition. If more time can be given to this work results will be, without doubt, satisfactory to all.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE R. CLEVELAND, R. N.

School Nurse.

STATISTICS, 1920-1921.

Grade	Teacher	Year Ending June, 1920		
		Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
I	Laura Stoddard	38	27.65	86.43
II	Elizabeth Dresser	41	31.002	91.5
III	Margret Nelson	35	26.10	92. +
IV	Blanche McCordick	32	22.21 +	92. +
V	Mary Golden	35	25.77	90.
VI	Mildred Bunker	26	16.55	90.5
VII	Dorothy Sears	21	17.96	95. +
VIII	Daniel O'Connor	23	19.74	89.
High School	Frances A. Wood	24	18.94	93.

STATISTICS, DECEMBER, 1921.

Grade	Teacher	Dec. 31, 1921		
		Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
I	Ruth Beiemeister	31	27.23	89.
II	Mae Gorham	32	29.2	93.
III	Margret Nelson	38	36.17	98. +
IV	Blanche McCordick	26	24.61	97. +
V	Mary Golden	25	23.53	94.
VI	Mildred Bunker	29	27.26	94.
High School				
Seniors	Rudolph H. Keyes	4		
	Frances A. Wood	4		
	S. C. Neff	8	33.38	94.
	Mary O'Connor	20		
	Daniel O'Connor	36	33.08	91. +



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Town Officers, 1922

TOWN CLERK

JOHN MILLER

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

NORMAN L. PRATT

DAVID HEATLEY

F. W. SMITH

ASSESSORS

DAVID J. BARNEY

HOLLIS ENGLE

JESSE STEERE

TREASURER

FRANK O. MATTHEWS

AUDITOR

BERTHA L. EDDY

TAX COLLECTOR

EZEKIEL H. MATTHEWS

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

HOSEA S. LOOK

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN

MINNIE E. VINCENT

BOARD OF HEALTH

NORMAN L. PRATT

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 MANUEL R. SILVIA

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS
 ANTONE D. SILVIA

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD
 AND BARK
 HERBERT A. EDDY
 DAVID J. BARNEY

FENCE VIEWERS
 JOHN C. HAMBLIN
 MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT

POUND KEEPER
 JOHN MILLER

FIELD DRIVER
 HARRY T. WEBB
 MANUEL R. SILVIA

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
 H. WESTON CHASE

SPECIAL PARK COMMISSIONERS
 LYMAN W. BESSE
 ALFRED E. COX
 EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE

TREE WARDEN
 GEORGE FRYE

BOARD OF ENGINEERS
 EDWIN R. FRASIER
 ROY A. BUNKER
 HERBERT A. EDDY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1920

WILLIAM F. TRUEWORTHY
 GEORGE P. MADEIROS
 HAMILTON J. GREENE
 CHARLES A. JOY
 M. CLAYTON HOYLE

1921

MYRTLE P. NORTON
 SUSAN J. CHASE
 DAVID J. McBRIDE
 THOMAS WILLISTON
 MANUEL R. CHARVES

1922

HOSEA S. LOOK
 CLARENCE P. HAYDEN
 FRANK BLANKENSHIP
 PETER J. TAEGER
 RUBEN PHILLIPS

Valuation April 1, 1922

Personal property and real estate,		
Total valuation,		\$3,238,888.00
Rate of taxation, \$25.00 per \$1,000.00		
Total property tax,	\$80,972.20	
Tax on 391 polls,	1,955.00	
Total tax		82,927.20
State tax assessed,	\$5,640.00	
State highway tax,	477.40	
County tax,	5,026.59	
Special tax,	32.97	
Town tax assessed,	71,750.24	
Total,		\$82,927.20

The following items were taken from the Assessors' books for 1922:

Number of resident tax payers,	461
Number of non-resident tax payers,	1000
Number of poll tax payers,	391
Number of cows,	112
Number of horses	53
Number of fowl,	613
Number of sheep,	20
Number of swine,	48
Number of acres of land,	3423
Number of dwelling houses,	1162

Exempted Property.

Baptist church and land,	\$3,500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association and land	2,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land,	3,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land (new)	25,000.00
Episcopal Society, church and land,	3,500.00
M. V. Campmeeting Association, church, tab- ernacle and land,	10,500.00
Union Chapel Christian Asociation, Chapel and land,	6,000.00
Bradley Memorial church and land,	500.00
African M. E. church and land,	500.00
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	\$55,500.00

Expenditures

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Salaries and Expenses of Town Officers:

Moderator

E. G. Eldridge, services,	\$15.00
Appropriation,	\$15.00

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor

Norman L. Pratt, salary,	\$200.00
David Heatley, salary,	200.00
F. W. Smith, salary,	200.00

\$600.00

Appropriation,

\$600.00

Clerk of Board of Selectman

F. W. Smith,	\$150.00
Appropriation,	\$150.00

Selectmens' Expenses

Printing, supplies and others,	\$334.95
Appropriation,	\$200.00
From Reserve Fund,	134.95

\$334.95

Auditor

Clement Studley, salary,	\$100.00
Appropriation,	\$100.00

Auditor's Expenses

Report to state and expenses,	\$30.00
Appropriation,	\$30.00

Treasurer's Salary and Bond

Frank O. Matthews, salary,	\$400.00
Eldridge and White, bond,	25.00

 \$425.00

Appropriation,	\$420.00
From reserve Fund,	5.00

 \$425.0

Treasurer's Expenses

Printing and other expenses,	\$54.43
Appropriation,	\$25.00
From Reserve Fund,	29.43

 \$54.43

Tax Collector's Salary and Bond

Appropriation,	\$470.00
Unexpended,	\$470.0

Tax Collector's Expenses

Printing and others,	29.50
Unexpended,	10.50

 \$40.00

Appropriation,	\$40.00
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Assessors

David J. Barney, salary,	\$100.00
Jesse Steere, salary,	100.00
Hollis Engley, salary,	100.00

 \$300.00

Appropriation,	\$300.00
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Assessor's Expenses

Supplies and others,	\$471.24
Unexpended,	128.76
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	\$600.00

Appropriation:

For expenses	\$100.00
To correct books,	500.00
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\$600.00

Abatements

Abatements	\$ 63.62
Unexpended,	436.38
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\$500.00

Appropriation,

\$500.00

Town Council

E. A. Davis, salary,	\$75.00
Appropriation,	\$75.00

Town Clerk

John Miller, salary,	\$200.00
Appropriation,	200.00

Town Clerk's Expenses

Fees, Postage, Printing,	\$82.05
Unexpended,	69.75
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\$150.00

Appropriation,

\$150.00

Board of Registrars

Norman Pratt, salary,	\$25.00
David Heatley, salary,	25.00

F. W. Smith, salary,		25.00
John Miller, salary,		25.00
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		\$100.00
Appropriation,		\$100.00
Elections and Registrations		
Services, Printing and others,		\$462.97
Appropriation,	\$200.00	
From Reserve Fund,	262.97	
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		462.97
Sealer of Weights and Measurers		
H. W. Chase, salary,		\$100.00
Appropriation,		\$100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures Expenses		
Supplies and others,		\$54.70
Appropriation,	\$40.00	
From Reserve Fund,	14.70	
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		\$54.70
Tree Warden		
George Frye, labor,		\$26.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00	
From Reserve Fund	1.00	
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		\$26.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY.

Police Salaries		
Services,		\$2,288.83
Appropriation,	\$2,200.00	
From Reserve Fund,	88.83	
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		\$2,288.83

Police Expenses

Supplies, auto hire, and others,		\$347.31
Appropriation,	\$200.00	
From Reserve Fund,	147.31	
	<hr/>	\$347.31

Night Watch

Services,		\$1,464.00
Appropriation,	\$1,460.00	
From Reserve Fund,	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,464.00

Dog Officer

H. T. Webb, services,		\$5.00
Appropriation,		\$5.00

Board of Engineers

Salaries,		\$50.00
Appropriation,		\$50.00

Chief Engineer

H. A. Eddy, salary,		\$50.00
Appropriation,		\$50.00

Clerk of Board of Engineers

E. R. Frasier,		\$10.00
Appropriation,		\$10.00

Firemen's Salaries

Hydrant Hose No. 1,	\$135.00
Highland Hose No. 2,	150.00
Hose No. 3,	100.00
Hose No. 4,	100.00

Hook and Ladder,	145.00
Steamer Co.,	150.00
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	\$780.00
Unexpended,	20.00
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	\$800.00
Appropriation,	\$800.00
Engineer of Steamer	
S. E. McDonald, services,	\$75.00
Appropriation,	\$75.00
Fireman of Steamer	
	\$7.50
Unexpended,	7.50
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	\$15.00
Appropriation,	\$15.00
Steward of Steamer House	
John Jones, services,	\$30.66
M. Swartz, services,	4.34
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	\$35.00
Appropriation	\$35.00
Steward of Hose No. 1	
Harry T. Webb, services,	\$35.00
Appropriation,	\$35.00
Steward of Hose No. 2	
Fred F. Ames, services,	\$25.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00
Steward of Hose No. 3	
C. J. Amaral, services,	\$25.00
Appropriation,	\$25.00

Steward of Hose No. 4

G. Amanico, services,	\$12.50
P. Monahan, services,	12.50

 \$25.00

Appropriation, \$25.00

Superintendent of Fire Alarm

R. A. Bunker, services,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

Care of Fire Alarm Battery

James L. Pratt, services,	\$200.00
Appropriation,	\$200.00

Fuel and Lights (Fire Dept.)

Supplies, fuel and others,	\$159.10
Unexpended,	140.90

 \$300.00

Appropriation, \$300.00

Contingent Expenses

Labor, stock, hauling and others,	\$499.75
Appropriation,	\$400.00
From Reserve Fund,	99.75

 \$499.75

Chassis No. 4 and No. 2

Expended,	\$2,075.73
Appropriation,	\$2,000.00
Receipt of Sales,	55.00
From Reserve Fund,	20.73

 \$2,075.73

Hydrant Rental

C. C. Mater Co., rental,	\$2,450.00
Appropriation,	\$2,450.00

Moth Extermination

Salaries,	\$870.49
Unexpended,	178.51

 \$1,049.00

Appropriation,	\$1,049.00
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Special Constable, Fish and Shellfish

Howard Edwards, salary,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

Expenses

Appropriation,	\$50.00
Unexpended,	\$50.00

Harbor Master Salary

S. M. Fisher, salary,	\$50.00
Appropriation,	\$50.00

Expenses

S. M. Fisher,	\$95.00
Unexpended,	5.00

 \$100.00

Appropriation,	\$100.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salary

Norman Pratt,	\$25.00
David Heatley,	25.00
F. W. Smith,	25.00

 \$75.00

Appropriation,	\$75.00
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Expenses

Labor, stock and supplies,		\$709.86
Appropriation,	\$500.00	
From Reserve Fund,	209.86	
	<hr/>	\$709.86
Collection of Swill and Garbage		
George Bernard, Co.,		\$650.00
Unexpended,		50.00
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		\$700.00
Appropriation,		\$700.00
Care of Dump		
M. Amaral,		\$ 36.00
J. A. Newcomb,		212.00
Andrada,		13.00
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		\$261.00
Appropriation,	\$ 75.00	
From Reserve Fund,	186.00	
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Animal Inspector, Salary		
Frank W. Chase, salary,		\$50.00
Appropriation,		\$50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, salary		
Reuben Phillips, salary,		\$50.00
Appropriation,		\$50.00
Public Sanitararies		
Water, Rent, Stock and Labor,		\$464.05
Appropriation,	\$450.00	
From Reserve Fund,	14.05	
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Street Cleaning

Labor and Supplies,		\$936.00
Appropriation,	\$850.00	
From Reserve Fund,	86.00	
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Agent of Board of Health

Expended,		\$100.00
Appropriation,		\$100.00

HIGHWAYS

Bulkheads and Bridges

Labor, Stock, Supplies and Cartage,		\$450.12
Appropriation,	\$400.00	
From Reserve Fund,	50.12	
	<hr/>	\$450.12

Repairs to Concrete

Labor, stock and others,		\$4,579.34
Appropriation,	\$4,000.00	
Refund,	194.20	
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Overdrawn,		<hr/> \$385.14

Repairs to Dirt Roads

Labor, trucking and others,		\$1,662.66
Unexpended,		337.34
	<hr/>	\$2,000.00
Appropriation,		\$2,000.00

Repairs to Sunset Lake

Labor, trucking, supplies,	\$ 82.50
Unexpended,	117.50
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	\$200.00
Appropriation,	\$200.00

Road Scraper

Expended,	\$335.08
Unexpended,	14.92
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	\$350.00
Appropriation,	\$350.00

Snow

Labor, autos and others,	\$621.50
Appropriation,	200.00
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Overdrawn,	\$421.50

Street Lighting

Vineyard Lighting Co.,	\$7,164.14
Appropriation,	6,200.00
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Overdrawn,	\$964.14

Catch Basin, Pen. Ave.

Labor and stock,	\$390.29
Appropriation,	200.00
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Overdrawn,	\$190.29

Nashawena Park, Concrete

Labor and material,		\$1,932.02
Appropriation,	\$1,666.66	
From Abbutors,	572.36	
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		2,239.02
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Unexpended,		\$307.00
	Land Damage, 2nd Ave.	
Expended,		\$200.00
Overdrawn,		\$200.00

CHARITIES.

Support of Poor

Sundry persons and supplies,		\$4,676.80
Appropriation,	\$2,500.00	
Income from poor fund accounts	1,495.07	
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		3,995.07
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Overdrawn,		\$681.73
	State and Military Aid	
Sundry persons,		\$386.00
Unexpended,		14.00
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		\$400.00
Appropriation,		\$400.00

EDUCATION.

School Committee

Salaries,		\$150.00
Appropriation,		\$150.00
	School Committee Secretary	
Salary,		\$50.00
Appropriation,		\$50.00

Superintendent's Salary

Salary,	\$850.00
Appropriation,	\$850.00

School Expenses

Supplies and others,	\$1,880.47
Unexpended,	419.53

 \$2,300.00

Appropriation,	\$2,300.00
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Vocational Education

Supplies, labor and others,	\$209.45
Unexpended,	990.55

 \$1,200.00

Appropriation,	\$1,200.00
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SCHOOLS AND TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOLARS

Teachers' salaries and transportation,	\$17,069.22
Unexpended,	610.78

 \$17,680.00

Appropriation,	\$17,680.00
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School Physician

Dr. E. P. Worth, salary,	\$100.00
Appropriation,	\$100.00

School Nurse

Expended,	\$434.20
Unexpended,	105.80

Appropriation,	\$540.00
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LIBRARY**Public Library:**

Services and supplies,		\$760.84
Received from Dog Fund,	\$160.84	
Appropriation,	600.00	
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		\$760.84

PUBLIC PARKS

Labor, supplies and others,	\$958.35
Appropriation,	900.00
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Overdrawn,	\$58.35

SPECIAL PARKS**Ocean, Hartford, Waban Parks**

Labor, trucking and others,	\$2,460.76
Unexpended,	39.24
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Appropriation,	\$2,500.00

Nashawena Park:

Labor,	\$1,000 23
Appropriation,	1,000.00
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Overdrawn,	\$.23

CEMETERIES

Labor, teaming,	\$1,002.48
Appropriation,	1,000.00
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Overdrawn,	\$2.48

ADVERTISING

O. B. Board of Trade,	\$300.00
Appropriation,	\$300.00

AMUSEMENTS AND BASE BALL

O. B. Board of Trade,	\$1,000.00
Appropriation,	\$1,000.00

RESERVE FUND

Appropriated to Overdrafts,	\$1,354.70
Unappropriated,	145.30

Appropriated,	\$1,500.00
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TOWN PIER REPAIRS

Labor,	\$1,051.00
Appropriation,	1,000.00

Overdrawn,	\$51.00
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REPAIRS TO TOWN BUILDING

Labor, material,	\$13.67
Unexpended,	986.33

Appropriated,	\$1,000.00
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REPAIRS TO TOWN HALL (American Legion)

Expended,	\$250.00
Appropriation,	\$250.00

DISTRICT COURT

Expended,	\$12.45
Overdrawn,	\$12.45

OAK BLUFFS HARBOR IMPROVEMENT

Department of Public Works,	\$500.00
Appropriation,	\$500.00

JOHN H. PRAY CO. LAND (Bonded)

Expended,	\$3,500.00
Appropriated,	\$3,500.00

TOWN HALL COMMITTEE

Expended,	\$200.00
Appropriated,	\$200.00

UNCLASSIFIED.

Memorial Day

Henry Clay Wade Corps,	\$35.00
Appropriation,	\$35.00

Printing Town Reports

E. E. Landers,	\$245.00
Unexpended,	5.00

Appropriated,	\$250.00
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TOWN DEBT

Expended,	\$5,000.00
Appropriated,	\$5,000.00

INTEREST.

Interest,	\$2,530.20
Appropriation,	\$2,000.00
Interest on deposits,	111.90

2,111.90

Overdrawn,	\$418.30
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RECAPITULATION

Unex- pended	Appropri- ations	Departments	Expend- itures	Over- drafts
		Salaries of Town Officers		
\$470.00	*\$2,561.00	and Bonds	\$2,091.00	
207.21	*1,264.08	Expenses of Town Officers	1,056.87	
	*462.97	Elections and Registrations	462.97	
	*2,288.83	Police Salaries	2,288.83	
	*347.31	Police Expenses	347.31	
	*1,464.00	Night Watch	1,464.00	
	5.00	Dog Officer	5.00	
	50.00	Board of Engineers	50.00	
	50.00	Chief of Board of Engineers	50.00	
	10.00	Clerk of Board of Engineers	10.00	
20.00	800.00	Firemen's Salaries	780.00	
	75.00	Engineer of Steamer	75.00	
7.50	15.00	Fireman of Steamer	7.50	
	145.00	Stewards of Fire Houses	145.00	
	50.00	Superintendent Fire Alarm	50.00	
	200.00	Care of Fire Alarm Battery	200.00	
140.90	300.00	Fuel and Lights	159.10	
	*499.75	Contingent Expenses	499.75	
	*2,075.73	Chassis for No. 2 and No. 4	2,075.73	
178.51	1,049.00	Moth Extermination	870.49	
	2,450.00	Hydrant Rental	2,450.00	
	50.00	Special Constable, (Fish)	50.00	
	50.00	Special Constable, Expenses	50.00	
		Harbor Master, Salary and		
5.00	150.00	Expenses	145.00	
		Board of Health, Salary and		
	*784.86	Expenses	784.86	
		Collection of Swill and Gar-		
50.00	700.00	bage	650.00	
	*261.00	Care of Dump	261.00	
	50.00	Animal Inspector, Salary	50.00	
	50.00	Inspector of Slaughtering	50.00	
	*464.05	Public Sanitararies	464.05	
	936.00	Street Cleaning	936.00	
	100.00	Agent of Board of Health	100.00	
	*450.12	Bulkheads and Bridges	450.12	
	*4,194.20	Repairs to Concrete	4,579.34	\$385.14
337.34	2,000.00	Repairs to Dirt Roads	1,662.66	
117.50	200.00	Repairs to Sunset Lake	82.50	
14.92	350.00	Road Scraper	335.08	
	200.00	Snow Removal	621.50	421.50
	6,200.00	Street Lighting	7,164.14	964.14
	200.00	Catch Basin, Penacook Ave.	390.29	190.29
307.00	*2,239.02	Concreting, Nashawena Pk.	1,932.02	
		Land Damage, Second Ave.	200.00	200.00

RECAPITULATION—Continued

Unex- pended	Appropri- ations	Departments	Expend- itures	Over- drafts
	*\$3,995.07	Support of Poor	\$4,676.80	\$681.73
\$14.00	400.00	Military and State Aid	386.00	
	150.00	School Committee	150.00	
	50.00	Secretary School Commit'ee	50.00	
	850.00	Superintendent's Salary	850.00	
419.53	2,300.00	School Expenses	1,880.47	
990.55	1,200.00	Vocational Education	209.45	
		Schools and Transportation		
610.78	17,680.00	of Scholars	17,069.22	
	100.00	School Physician	100.00	
105.80	540.00	School Nurse	434.20	
	*760.84	Public Library	760.84	
	900.00	Public Parks	958.35	58.35
		Ocean, Hartford and Wa-		
39.24	2,500.00	ban Parks	2,460.76	
	1,000.00	Nashawena Park	1,000.23	.23
	1,000.00	Cemeteries	1,002.48	2.48
	300.00	Advertising Fund	300.00	
	1,000.00	Amusements and Base Ball	1,000.00	
145.30	1,500.00	Reserve Fund	1,354.70	
	1,000.00	Town Pier Repairs	1,051.00	51.00
		Repairs to Town Hall, Amer-		
	250.00	ican Legion	250.00	
986.33	1,000.00	Repairs to Town Building	13.67	
		District Court	12.45	12.45
		Oak Bluffs Harbor Improve-		
	500.00	ment	500.00	
		John H. Pray Co. Land,		
	3,500.00	(Bonded)	3,500.00	
	200.00	Town Hall Committee	200.00	
	35.00	Memorial Day	35.00	
5.00	250.00	Printing Town Reports	245.00	
	5,000.00	Town Debt and Interest	5,000.00	
	2,111.90	Interest	2,530.20	418.30
\$5,172.4	\$85,864.73		\$84,077.93	\$3,385.61

*Including amounts from Reserve Fund and Refunds.

Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS.

School buildings and land,	\$27,700.00
Town buildings and furnishings,	3,700.00
Lot on Pequot Avenue,	300.00
Land at cemetery,	632.00
Vault at cemetery,	500.00
Bandstands,	500.00
Vault in Selectmen's room,	1,500.00
Highland Hose house and lot,	750.00
Hose House No. 3,	300.00
Hose House No. 4,	300.00
Three motor trucks,	4,000.00
Steam fire engine,	1,200.00
Hook and ladder truck,	1,200.00
Three hose reels,	300.00
Hose, pipe and fixtures,	2,100.00
Fire alarm system,	3,600.00
Laid water pipes and mains,	4,000.00
Books in public library,	1,300.00
Trust funds,	12,786.33
Tax titles,	533.64
Cash in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1922,	4,501.47
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	\$71,703.44

LIABILITIES.

School house fund (\$1,000.00 due Aug. 7, 1923),	\$2,000.00
M. V. National Bank, temporary loan,	10,000.00
Resurfacing Beach Road (\$1,000.00 due Dec. 15, 1923),	2,000.00
Sea View Avenue sidewalk (\$2,000.00 due July 15, 1923),	6,000.00
Resurfacing New York Avenue (\$1,000.00 due April 22, 1923),	4,000.00
Land North of Oak Bluffs wharf (\$1,500.00 due May 9, 1923),	3,500.00
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	\$27,500.00
Assets,	\$71,703.44
Liabilities,	27,500.00
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Excess of assets over liabilities.	\$44,203.44

TRUST FUNDS AND ACCOUNTS.

Ichabod Norton Trust Fund,	\$947.17
Rebecca Clark Trust Fund,	1,244.70
Mrs. A. K. Barbay Trust Fund, Poor.	5,179.33
Mrs. A. K. Barbay Trust Fund, Schools,	3,680.58
M. H. Cornell Cemetery Trust Fund,	52.26
Julia Howell Cemetery Trust Fund,	26.10
Rebecca S. Bradford Cemetery Fund.	150.00
Mary A. Beetle Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
S. L. Norton, Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
Lucy J. Dix Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
C. W. Smith Cemetery Trust Fund.	100.00
A. S. Andrews Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
L. E. Phinney Cemetery Trust Fund.	100.00
L. S. Lewis Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00

W. H. Davis Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
C. T. Luce Cemetery Trust Fund,	300.00
Amelia N. and H. C. Wade Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
F. O. Matthews Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
F. A. Marshall Cemetery Trust Fund,	100.00
Smith Hughes Vocational School Fund,	106.19
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	\$12,786.33

Auditor's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., Jan. 18, 1923.

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Oak Bluffs, Mass.:

Complying with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I herewith submit the Annual Report of the finances of the town for the year ending Dec. 31, 1922. I have examined the accounts of the officers and committees who are entrusted with receipts, custody or expenditures of money and certify to their correctness to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

BERTHA L. EDDY,

Auditor.

Report of Tax Collector

Year Ending December 31, 1922

Total Commitment including polls, according to my books,		\$83,117.54
Paid Treasurer	\$77,521.08	
Abatement,	3,208.77	
Held by the Town,	46.41	
Cash on hand,	103.84	
Recommitted,	2,237.44	
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		\$83,117.54

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. MATTHEWS,

Tax Collector.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1922,	\$3,123.03
Temporary loans,	50,000.00
Temporary loans, due in 1923,	10,000.00
E. H. Matthews, taxes, 1920,	.64
E. H. Matthews, taxes, 1921,	633.66
E. H. Matthews, taxes, 1922,	75,839.08
E. H. Matthews, poll taxes, 1922,	1,682.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts:	
Income tax, 1919,	10.50
Income tax, 1920,	73.50
Income tax, 1921,	441.00
Income tax, 1922, general purposes,	1,128.00
Income tax, 1922, general school fund,	1,802.20
Corporation tax, public service, 1921,	1.08
Corporation tax, domestic and interest, 1921,	28.85
Corporation tax, foreign, 1921,	29.62
Corporation tax, business,	312.20
Corporation tax, public service,	120.41
Civilian war poll tax, 1921,	33.00
Vocational school,	819.51
National bank tax,	33.93
State aid,	336.00
Soldier's exemption,	80.49
Tuition of scholars,	40.50
Superintendent of schools,	483.33

Pedler's licenses,	24.00
Vocational trust fund,	105.66
Cemetery Committee:	
Perpetual care,	100.00
Perpetual care income,	74.65
Dog fund,	215.67
A. K. Barbey, estate, trust fund poor,	2,179.33
A. K. Barbey, estate, trust fund schools,	3,575.10
Board of Selectmen, licenses,	821.00
District court fines,	132.75
Interest on deposits,	119.43
Nashawenna park road, paid by abutters,	572.36
Vocational school:	
Bessie S. Doyle, rent,	200.00
Miss Connick, food, etc.,	13.00
Refunds:	
Poor,	5.00
Schools,	2.12
School expense,	14.50
Police salary,	4.00
Concrete,	194.20
Motor trucks, fire department,	55.00
Public park loan,	3,500.00
Income:	
A. K. Barbey, fund,	254.88
Rebecca Clarke, fund,	555.41
Ichabod Norton, fund,	684.78
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	\$160,455.37

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on orders drawn by Board of Selectmen	\$155,953.90
Balance in treasury,	4,501.47
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	\$160,455.37

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. MATTHEWS,

Town Treasurer

Town Clerk's Report

RETURN OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1922.

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS
January	17 — Fassett	M	Gardner L. and Eva C.
"	18 Percy H. Brothers	M	Nathan B. and Caroline L.
"	21 Alfred Olivier	M	Victor J. and Mary DeB.
"	25 Sara D. Webb	F	Harry T. and Eloise C.
February	18 Clara D. Duart	F	Joseph F. and Frances D.
"	22 Donald P. Eddy	M	Arthur C. and Helen P.
March	4 William J. Ameral	M	William R. and Mary R.
"	14 Richard Bernard	M	George H. and Mamie V.
"	20 John H. Silvia	M	Amos H. and Florence H.
"	21 Manuel Cruz	M	Antone P. and Mary G. P.
"	23 John T. Hughes	M	John H. and A. Elizabeth F.
"	26 Edmund J. Sokoll, 3rd	M	Edmund J. Jr., and Jeanette M.
"	30 Ralph J. Madeiros	M	John and Fannie L.
May	8 Nehemiah Madison, Jr.	M	Nehemiah and Sarah S.
"	14 Peter L. Regan	M	Peter and Mary E.
"	20 David F. Badger	M	Charles E. and Hattie D.
June	10 Florence R. Magnant	F	Harvey and Melvina B.
"	29 Barbara Sylvia	F	Joseph D. and Margaret M.
July	4 Calvin C. Correia	M	Manuel J. and Rose R.
"	9 Melvin L. Welch	M	Milton L. and Rose B.
"	12 Stillborn	F	
"	13 Herbert Costa	M	Manuel J. and Angelina
"	15 Raymond Costa	M	John F. and Augustina A.
August	11 Joseph Carreiro	M	Ernest J. and Bessie M.
"	23 Edwin I. Landers	F	Arthur B. and Helen C.
"	25 Elizabeth S. Gibbs	F	
September	4 Stillborn	M	William and Jeanette
"	13 William Sylvia, Jr.	M	John G. Jr., and Conceicio
"	18 — Gomes	M	Eugene and Mary
"	13 Frank Cochran	F	Arthur A. and Margaret S.
"	14 Gladys Wentworth	M	Henry A. and Mary C.
"	15 Edward H. Kelly	M	James A. and Margaret A.
"	17 George E. Porter	F	Joseph C. and Alice M.
"	22 — Perry	M	John E. and Rose
October	4 — Simmons	M	Joseph and Rita
"	5 Manuel H. Metell	M	Antone R. and Bertha
November	2 Raymond A. Sylvia	F	Harold and Florence
"	6 Irma S. Waight	M	Charles and Florence M.
"	21 Charles Leighton	M	Jile and Wilhelmina
"	24 Walter Amancio	F	William P. and Ella L.
"	29 Jane N. Horne	M	
Decembe	2 —	M	Joseph and Marie M.
"	3 Joseph M. Machado	F	Manuel and Mary
"	4 Mary Estrella	M	Raymond V. and Ethel M.
"	8 — Draper	M	Arthur P. and Mary
"	18 — West	F	Maurice and Teresa A.
"	23 — Brown	F	

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
January	7 Nathaniel B. Brothers	29	Oak Bluffs
	Carrie L. Randolph	19	"
March	20 Amos H. Silvia	22	"
	Florence H. Silvia	18	"
April	4 Ernest H. Ricketson	24	"
	Marion Truelson	23	Randolph, Mass.
"	17 Frederick B. Place	31	Oak Bluffs
	Mary E. Golden	32	"
May	6 Rudolph H. Keyes	24	"
	Frances A. Wood	28	"
June	7 Edwin B. Green	36	Providence, R. I.
	Albertine K. Cook	59	Oak Bluffs
July	15 Ralph T. Smith	36	"
	Rosanna Normandin	16	"
"	20 Arnold Carr Gardner	52	New Bedford, Mass.
	Isabelle Wetmore	30	La Salle, Ill.
September	2 Christopher J. Clifford	34	Long Island City, New York
	Grace Crosson	34	Oak Bluffs
"	14 William P. Farnsworth	21	"
	Helen T. Leffingwell	24	"
"	23 Daniel B. Bradley	20	"
	Josephine A. Campbell	22	North Attleboro
"	24 Hobart W. Greene	25	Oak Bluffs
	Maria P. G. Santo	31	"
October	10 James H. Jennings	26	Lansing, Mich.
	Edna S. Norton	29	Oak Bluffs
"	21 Kenneth M. Frates	24	"
	Louise M. Bernard	18	"
"	24 William Freeman Cahoon	49	Brewster, Mass.
	Ellen Agnes Carroll	44	Oak Bluffs
November	29 Clarence Morgan	38	Chilmark
	Mary Douglass	30	Edgartown
"	29 Jesse K. Rivenback	34	Wilmington, N. C.
	Bertha E. Besse	35	Oak Bluffs
"	29 Frank J. Lewis	24	"
	Margaret E. Mackey	26	Newport, R. I.

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D	
January	4 Edward Doran	81	1	23	Senility
"	9 Margaret M. Francis	53			Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	18				Stillborn
"	19 Timothy S. Swift	79	4	19	Chronic Myocarditis
February	3 Antonia J. Rose	84			Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	12 Fannie Silvia	53			Myocarditis
April	3 Henrietta M. Gorham	46	4	11	Influenza. Endocarditis
"	24 Manuel Metell	1		20	Broncho-Pneumonia
May	5 Lyman E. Peters	43	5	20	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	10 Domingo P. Medeiros	57	4	17	Heart Disease
"	19 Capitolina Correia	59	9	8	Carcinoma of Uterus
June	8 Thomas H. Bradley	81	11	17	Influenza
July	3 Ellen F. Cornell	86	11	13	Valvular Disease of the Heart
"	7 John E. Sandiford	74	2	21	Arterio-Sclerosis
"	12				Stillborn
August	15 Manuel A. Enos	70	2	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	23 Frederick D. Chase	75			Heart Disease
"	26				Stillborn
September	10 Agnes B. Evans	72			Heart Disease
"	15 Richard H. Lane, Jr.				Accidental Drowning
"	23 Flora Silva	69			Sarcoma of Ovary
October	1 Lucinda Matthews	70			Valvular Disease of the Heart
"	7 Maria P. Miller	79	4	12	Senility
"	9 Mary A. Rice	77	3	28	Arterio-Sclerosis
"	12 Almira Smith	40	2	34	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	14 Frank Cataen	52	9	13	Aneurysm (Aortic)
"	30 Maria G. Bentley	88			Valvular Disease of the Heart
December	5 Josephine W. Davis	83	11	9	Cerebral Apoplexy
"	6 Isabell Perry	65			Cancer of the Bowels

SUMMARY

BIRTHS

Total number of births, 47. Males, 35; females, 12.

MARRIAGES

Total number of marriages, 18.

DEATHS

Total number of deaths, 29. Males, 13; females, 16.

DOG TAX ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1922

Whole number of dogs licensed,	94
67 males, at \$2,	\$134.00
11 spayed females,	22.00
16 females at \$5,	80.00
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	\$236.00
Clerk's fees,	18.80
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	\$217.20
Paid County Treasurer,	\$217.20

JOHN MILLER, Town Clerk.

Public Library

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

To the Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen—I hereby submit my report as Librarian of Oak Bluff's Public Library from April 1st, 1922, to Dec. 31st, 1922.

The circulation has been very good, a record having been kept from June 14th, 1922 to Dec. 31st, 1922, showing an output of 6,502 books. A large portion of this circulation has come from the juvenile department, the interest which is being taken in this department is very encouraging, many of the borrowers in this department having given books as gifts to the library.

The co-operation between the library and the schools is very good and it is hoped that it may be greatly increased as improvements of equipment are made in the library.

During the year gifts of books and magazines have been received.

	Volumes.
Mrs. George Burgess,	20
Mrs. George Travers,	1
Mrs. T. J. Bradley,	3
Mr. Jack Hughes,	4
Mrs. S. A. Miner,	12

Mr. Davir McBride,	2
Miss Eleanor M. Woolsey,	2
Estate of T. J. Ellinwood,	100
Mrs. Nellie Holmes,	30
Rev. George V. Morris,	2
Mrs. Samuel MacDonald,	3
Allen Horne,	2
George Alley,	1
Fred Miller,	2
Carl Silvia,	3
Stanley House,	1
Miss Dorothy Look,	5
Mrs. Sadie Pratt,	2
Mrs. E. G. Eldridge,	
Woman's Home Companion.	
Dr. H. T. Dean,	
Youth's Companion.	
Mr. A. E. Cox,	
A gift of \$5.00	
A fine bookcase was received from Miss Edith Marshall	

In accordance with your instructions, the amounts received from cards and fines have been expended for books, supplies and small bills.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts.

From cards, fines and other sources,	\$147.25
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Payments.

32 books purchased,	\$20.93
Payments on encyclopedias,	20.00
Electric light bills,	9.51

2, 75 W lights,	1.40
Cards, labels and sundry supplies,	23.26
Bill for labor,	1.85
Paid for books,	60.00
On hand, January 1, 1923,	10.30
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	\$147.25

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the fine support and interest given me by the Trustees. Also, I most heartily thank all who have helped and rendered favors during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA F. ESTEY,

Librarian.

Report of Special Committee for Parks

Ocean, Hartford and Waban Parks, 1922.

Appropriation,		\$2,500.00
Expenditures :		
Plants and Shrubs,	\$920.11	
Labor, materials and teaming	1,412.29	
Dressing,	45.00	
Water,	69.08	
Plumbing,	18.28	
Lawn mower,	23.50	
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	\$2,488.26	
Unexpended balance,	11.74	
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		\$2,500.00

Nashawena Park Improvement, 1922

Appropriation,		\$1,000.00
Expenditures :		
Surveying,	\$ 15.23	
Labor and teaming,	665.00	
Loam,	150.00	
Building wall,	170.00	
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		1,000.23
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Overdrawn,		\$.23

Surveyor of Highways' Report

To the Voters of Oak Bluffs:

In my department I have tried to keep within my appropriations and have succeeded in most instances.

Acting upon the advice of dealers in tar and pitch I purchased an unusually large supply of these articles, and have on hand at the pit, 100 barrels of tar and 16 tons of pitch towards the work of next year. The value of the present supply is nearly \$1000.00.

I have placed permanent iron steps at the town pier, and recommend that two more iron ladders be placed there next year.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE D. SILVIA,

Surveyor of Highways.

Oak Bluffs, Jan. 20th, 1923.

Report of Finance Committee

The following report of recommendations by the Finance Committee for the following year:

General Government:

Moderator,	\$ 15.00
Selectmen,	600.00
Clerk of Selectmen,	150.00
Selectment's expenses,	200.00
Auditor,	10.00
Expenses,	25.00
Treasurer,	420.00
Expenses,	35.00
Collector of taxes,	470.00
Expenses,	40.00
Assessors,	450.00
Expenses,	175.00
Abatements,	3,000.00
Town Counsel,	75.00
Town Clerk,	300.00
Expenses, fees,	225.00
Board of Registrars,	100.00
Expenses,	275.00
Sealer of weights and measures,	100.00
Expenses,	40.00
Tree warden,	25.00

Protection of Persons and property:

Police,	2,200.00
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Expenses,	200.00
Night watch,	1,460.00
Dog officer,	5.00
Board of engineers,	50.00
Clerk of engineers,	10.00
Chief of engineers,	50.00
Firemen,	800.00
Superintendent of F. A.,	50.00
Care of F. A. Bat,	200.00
Stewart of Steamer,	35.00
Stewart of Hose 1,	35.00
Stewart of Hose 2,	25.00
Stewart of Hose 3,	25.00
Stewart of Hose 4,	25.00
Fuel and lights,	250.00
Contingent expenses,	450.00
Hydrant rental,	2,450.00
New hose,	400.00
Three new boxes,	300.00
Coats and hats,	85.00
Repairs to hydrant hose doors,	100.00
Painting inside No. 4,	50.00
Harbor Master,	50.00
Expenses,	100.00
Moth extermination,	600.00
Health and Sanitation:	
Board of Health,	75.00
Expenses,	500.00
Collection of swill, garbage, rubbish,	1,000.00
Care of dump,	300.00
Animal Inspector,	50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering,	50.00
Public sanitarries,	700.00
Street cleaning,	850.00
Agent of B. of H.,	150.00

Highways :

Bulkhead and bridges,	400.00
Repairs to concrete,	4,000.00
Repairs to dirt roads,	2,000.00
Snow,	200.00
Street lights,	6,600.00

Charities :

Support of poor,	4,500.00
Soldiers aid benefits,	400.00
Public libraries,	600.00

Education :

School committee,	150.00
Secretary of committee,	50.00
Superintendent of schools,	850.00
School expenses,	2,300.00
Schools,	17,305.00
Physician,	100.00
Nurse,	540.00
Vocational education,	1,400.00

Recreation :

Public parks,	600.00
Special parks,	3,000.00
Nashawena park,	1,000.00
Care of cemeteries,	500.00

Unclassified :

Amusements,	2,500.00
Printing town reports,	250.00
Memorial day,	35.00
Advertising, To be spent by the Board of Trade	500.00
Reserve fund,	1,500.00
Special constable for shellfish,	50.00
Town debt,	6,500.00
Interest,	2,000.00
Repairs and painting steamer house,	1,500.00
Temporary loans,	10,000.00

The Finance Committee recommends:

That a hydrant be placed on the corner of Greene and Winnemack Avenues. That to be piped with six inch pipe.

That the sum of \$1500 be appropriated to purchase and place an Air Fire Alarm whistle on the Steamer House.

That a special appropriation of \$200.00 be made to improve the system of the Assessors' books.

That the town reimburse the abutters in the sum of \$376.16 as the town's part of the concrete road on Wamsutta Ave. from Nashawena Park to Naushon Park.

That the town appropriate \$400.00 for the purchase of (8) eight lots of land adjoining the lots owned by the town on which the old school house stood, to be used for school recreation purposes.

That the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for street signs.

D. J. McBRIDE, Chairman.

F. F. BLANKENSHIP, Secretary.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DUKES COUNTY, SS.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Strand Theatre, in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, the sixth day of February, A. D., 1923, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named town officers.

A Town Clerk for one year.

Three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for one year.

An Assessor for three years.

An Assessor for one year.

A Treasurer for one year.

An Auditor for one year.

A Collector of Taxes for one year.

A member of the School Committee for three years.

A member of the Cemetery Committee for three years.

A Surveyor of Highways for one year.

A Park Commissioner for Three Years.

Two Constables for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

And to vote on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

And the following referendum, "Shall the offices of Night Watch and Chief of Police become elective offices and be placed upon the official ballot annually, beginning in 1924?"

The polls for the reception of votes for the aforesaid officers and said question will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, the seventh day of February, A. D., 1923, and will be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless a later hour be determined upon by the meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Auditor and other committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and appropriations for the ensuing year and to make appropriations of the same.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see what action the town will take relative to night watch.

Article 8. To see if the town will fix the time for the payment of all taxes assessed, and will direct what rate of interest shall be demanded in case taxes are not paid at the time specified.

Article 9. To see if the town will direct the Assessors to remit all taxes as cannot in their judgment be collected.

Article 10. To see if the Town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes that a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Article 11. To see if the Town will pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on or after January 1, 1924, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1924, and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year; any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1924.

Article 13. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee of citizens to investigate and report at the next town meeting on the possibility of establishing a town forest and to appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the use of the committee for this purpose. (As requested by the Massachusetts Forestry Association.)

Article 14. To see if the Town will instruct its Representative in the General Court to secure the passage of a bill enabling the Towns of Dukes County to establish and maintain a County High School. (As requested by the School Committee).

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to ask the company to locate a hydrant on the corner of Greene and Winemack avenues, the same to be connected with a six inch main. (As petitioned for by Reuben Phillips and others.)

Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the purchase of eight lots of land adjoining the old school house lot for the purpose of establishing a play ground.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be posted in two public places in the town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-ninth day of January, A. D. 1923.

NORMAN L. PRATT,
FREDERICK W. SMITH,
DAVID HEATLEY,

Selectmen of Oak Bluffs.

Pursuant to above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in this warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

MANUEL R. SILVIA, Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 29, 1923.

ANNUAL

SCHOOL REPORT

1922



Report of School Committee

Oak Bluffs, Mass, February, 1923.

To the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Your committee respectfully submits the reports of Superintendent, Robert W. Martin; Principal, Harold M. Ladd; School Nurse, Miss I. V. Landers; School Physician, Dr. Worth of Vocational School and teacher, Miss Russell. These reports cover so much of the school work there is little to add except to say that we have had the largest number of pupils in our schools of any on the Island and while the attendance is irregular, those who attend regularly make progress. The time is coming when there will be need of more rooms for the grade pupils and a large assembly room is a necessity when there are public gatherings. In this connection it may be well to speak of the opportunity now at hand to secure by purchase at a nominal price, a plot of land opposite our present school-house, and adjoining the land belonging to the town upon which the old school-house stood. This plot is comprised of eight lots, belonging to the "Ellenwood Estate", and your committee now have the refusal of them awaiting your pleasure. The committee feel sure that this land should belong to the town for school purposes. Your committee hope that with the aid of the bequest given in her will, by Mrs. Anna K. Barbey for the schools to erect a building suitable for a school gymnasium or such other buildings as may be required for the advancement of education, and for the pupils, especially the

boys along the lines of manual training. We are fortunate that this land was offered to the School Committee before giving an option on it to others who might have purchased it.

For the information of the citizens of the town we will say that we have now on hand from the Barbey bequest in the hands of the treasurer of the town, the sum of \$3,575.10 with interest already in the town treasury of \$105.48, making a total of \$3,680.58.

We have been informed that the payments yet to come will bring this amount up to about **\$8,000.00.**

SCHOOL BUILDINGS

We feel very proud of our school-house and it has been well spoken of by members of the State Board of Education and is considered the best school building on the Island. At the present time the school-house is in good repair with exception of minor repairs and improvement which will be made during the summer vacation, preparatory to the opening of school in September, and for the winter and spring terms of 1923-24.

VOCATIONAL AND HOUSEHOLD ARTS SCHOOL BUILDING.

The vocational school building has been kept in good repair and some new equipment added. The report of the teacher, Miss Russell, will give you further information in regard to the school work there. Your committee have rented the cottage for July and August and have received \$187.50 for the year 1921 and \$200.00 for 1922 and it is already practically engaged for the present year.

HEALTH.

We have been fortunate in securing the services of Miss I. V. Landers, as school nurse. She is efficient, interested in

the children and painstaking in her work and seems to be getting results. We refer you to her report contained herein for further information.

TEACHERS.

Owing to the fact that several teachers severed their connection with this school at the end of the last school year, we have been obliged to employ others to fill the vacancies. It is always hard to adjust matters when these changes occur and it takes a little time to get the machinery running smoothly again, but we are pleased with the outlook, and we expect progress during the year with the co-operation of the parents, teachers and the pupils.

The visitors' register shows how few parents visit the schools. They are always welcome and where the support of the schools is the result of your taxes it would be pleasing to the committee if the parents would visit the schools oftener, and see for themselves what a busy place it is, and encourage the teachers by your co-operation. It is better that parents, and citizens in general get their impressions from personal observation than from outside sources or from children who have "vivid imaginations and often give a wrong impression of what takes place in school. By visiting the schools first-hand knowledge is obtained and is the only way to judge impartially of what the teacher is trying to accomplish. It is not a good plan to criticize the teacher or officials before the children without having a personal knowledge of the circumstances connected with any matter of importance that may come up for your consideration. By referring to the reports of the superintendent and others you can obtain a general idea of what is being done in the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. VINCENT.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools. The reports of principal, special teachers, nurse and school physician are made a part of this report.

BETTER TRAINED TEACHERS.

The thesis at the last meeting of the N. E. Superintendents Associations was:

"We cannot progress further in New England education until we have more trained teachers and better trained teachers for all schools."

The aim is to secure a trained teacher for every New England public school within the next ten years. The following are the accepted standards:

"Trained teachers are those who have two or more years of post-secondary study, including at least twenty semester hours of professional and methods courses and at least twelve weeks of practice teaching under the daily supervision of critic teachers employed in a training school. However, experienced teachers may offer equivalency by summer or correspondence courses.

ACCEPTED STANDARDS

Few rural teachers or high school teachers are now trained. Moreover New England contour makes a num-

ber of small, isolated and temporary one-room schools necessary and high schools are frequently dependent upon the services of specialists of irregular preparation. We may then be satisfied when 75% of rural one-room and senior high school teachers and 95% of all others, are qualified. By progressive improvement we may reach the standard for all public schools in 1932."

There is no doubt that the teacher is the chief factor in making a good school and in helping her pupils to get an education but let us not forget that there are other important factors. Education begins in the family and we surely need the co-operation of the home.

Schools and other institutions afford opportunities which the child can seize and utilize or can neglect and disregard. It is much easier to get an education under a good teacher than under a poor one but an ambitious pupil will secure an education under adverse circumstances. The indifferent and unwilling pupil makes little headway under even a good teacher. We have in our schools some who are indifferent or who are attending under compulsion—it is those that give the most trouble in discipline, and who are low in rank in their studies.

The introduction of vocational courses would no doubt do much to change the attitude of those pupils and I believe something along this line should be attempted.

A COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

"Shall we establish a county high school?" is a question that at present is receiving consideration by all interested in the future educational welfare of the county. When we consider that the children are the greatest assets of any community we should not hesitate to furnish the necessary funds to provide educational facilities equal to the best in

the state. The cost prohibits any one town to maintain a high school that will provide such advantages but by combining the resources of several towns the plan is possible, practicable and very desirable.

The following tables show the relative cost of high school education under new conditions as compared with present conditions. At present the per capita cost per pupil is \$173.47 but under the new plan the cost per pupil will be about \$150 and this is for a high school that is up to date in every respect. The faculty of the new school would probably consist of a principal and eight or more assistants three of whom would be men who would reside in towns in which the school is not located so as to ride in the transportation vehicles to and from school for the purpose of supervision. Two of the teachers would be vocational and as such would receive a large portion of their salary from the state and federal government.

It will be noticed from a study of the tables that it would cost some of the towns more under the new plan than at present, but even with an increase in the number of pupils the cost will increase under the present plan. It is coming more and more to be accepted as sound educational policy that property wherever located should be taxed for the educations of children wherever they may reside. This is now true within the town since the abolishment of the district system and is true in the state to a large degree and will be true in the nation if proposed legislation becomes a law. It seems to me that the same educational policy should be maintained in the county. It is of utmost importance to our county situated as it is that the best educational advantages should be provided for all the children of the county by the county.

	Tisbury	Oak Bluffs	Edgartown	W. Tisbury	Chilmark	Gay Head	Gosnold	Total
Spent for High school support year ending June, 1922	\$8,765.00	\$6,804.00	\$6,581.00	\$2,036.00	\$793.00	\$788.00		\$25,767.00
High school reimbursement for transportation				F II	One-half	Full	None	
High school reimbursement for tuition				None	None	Full	None	
Number in High school April 1, 1922	61	38	32	8				139
Number in Elementary school April 1, 1922	160	223	170	55	22	26	17	673
State aid High and Elementary Part 1	\$2,053.00	\$1,802.00	\$1,227.00	\$619.00	\$213.00	\$363.00	\$200.00	
Part 2			\$15.00	\$814.00		\$414.00		
Expense from local taxation for schools per \$1000 valuation 1922	\$6.75	\$5.47	\$7.57	\$6.59	\$8.06	\$12.04	\$1.20	
Valuation April 1, 1922	\$2,595,086.00	\$3,069,192.00	\$1,983,391.00	\$682,019.00	\$480,854.00	\$71,430.00	\$1,054,067.00	\$9,934,039.00
Share of costs of new building costing \$100,000	\$26,123.00	\$30,876.00	\$19,965.00	\$6,866.00	\$4,941.00	\$719.00	\$10,611.00	
Share of maintenance cost, \$20,000	\$5,225.00	\$6,175.00	\$3,993.00	\$1,373.00	\$998.00	\$144.00	\$2,122.00	

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. MARTIN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Principal's Report

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir :—

I herewith submit my first annual report.

I am very much gratified with the attendance reports thus far. If you will refer to the table of statistics you will find that in every case a very creditable average has been maintained. Comparing the report for December of this year for the same period a year ago we find no room falling below 90% except the first two grades and, considering the excessive amount of inclement weather we have had during the month just passed, this average is truly remarkable.

It has been extremely difficult to manage all classes this year because of the crowded condition of the building; we are caring for about 280 pupils where we should have not over 225 pupils. In addition to this the varied curriculum which we offer tends to complicate matters by creating a number of small classes. It has been necessary at times to divide the period with another class in the same room in order to have a place to recite.

In our Commercial Department the class in typewriting is divided into three sections and one of these has to prac-

tice outside of school hours; the Freshman Class which is supposed to have one period every day is able to receive one period every other day. In order to care for this congestion properly we need more room and equipment.

It gives me pleasure to report that the amount of work covered to date is well ahead of the year's schedule and if we are able to maintain the present rate of progress we will have extra time in May and June for work not included in our program.

I wish to thank the members of the School Committee for their hearty co-operation also the Superintendent and teachers for their untiring efforts in matters that make this a better school.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD M. LADD.

Report on Vocational School

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir :

I hereby submit my first annual report on the work accomplished and planned for in the vocational course.

Statistics show the enrollment of this year, as follows :

Grade V consisting of 16 girls.

Grade VI consisting of 14 girls.

Grade VII consisting of 12 girls.

Grade VIII consisting of 11 girls.

First Year of High School consisting of 6 girls.

A course in sewing is given to the fifth and sixth grades. The girls are inexperienced and start at the very beginning, making their simpler garments, such as underwear. The idea is to teach all the fundamental stitches, and apply them.

The older girls spend one-half of their school time in vocational work. One half of this time is spent at the cottage of Domestic Arts, doing Practical Work,—and the other half is spent at the school in related work, such as history, arithmetic etc. This conforms with the Smith Hughes Act.

We aim to create a home-like atmosphere at the cottage, during and after school hours. The girls receive their instruction and work it out as fully as possible. The course includes work in sewing, cookery, millinery, laundry, marketing, budget making and first aid, such as planning and serving balanced meals, proper care of clothing, removal of stains in cloth, renovating, remodeling, dyeing, use of commercial patterns, drafting their own patterns, care of the sick, etc.

Just before Christmas the girls spent some time in making simple, inexpensive gifts such as caps, bags, pin cushions, etc.

Miss Landers school nurse gives one lesson a week in home hygiene to the older girls. They also help in the preparation and distribution of the milk to the underweight children.

The older girls are making over draperies of cretonne, for the living room. They take great pride in helping to make the cottage as attractive as possible. They have also made several additions to the kitchen, linen, bed linen, etc., and are planning to make other things that are needed.

The girls plan to give luncheons, teas, and parties, inviting guests, and each taking turn as being hostess. They conducted a costume party at Hallowe'en time, and at Christmas time gave a real home-like Christmas party for the younger children of the department. The teachers, and school committee were invited. They got their own tree, trimmed it, and decorated the cottage. Refreshments were made and served by the girls.

Bread and garment clubs were formed for girls over 10 years of age. This year it includes 20 members. It is under the supervision of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, with the superintendent of schools as county leader and the teacher of the vocational department as local leader. They carry on a regular business meeting, once a week, giving a report of the work covered during the previous week etc., and afterwards they have some sort of recreational period. This encourages home work.

The girls have done excellent work this year. In the spring we will hold an exhibit of the pupil's work, in which we hope many will be interested. The co-operation of the public is greatly appreciated and they are urged to visit the cottage whenever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED F. RUSSELL.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Robert W. Martin

Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:—

The following report I am submitting covers the period from Oct. 1st, 1922, to Dec. 31st, 1922, inclusive.

My records show that 30 school visits have been made. In the follow up work in connection with school work it was necessary to make 12 home visits. These visits have convinced me of the willingness of the parents to co-operate, so that the most possible good would result from my work.

Individual inspection was made of the children in all grades by Dr. Worth.

Special attention has been given to the following:—

- I. Cleanliness of head and body.
- II. Tonsils and adenoids.
- III. Eyes and ears.
- IV. Skin eruption.
- V. Under weight.

General instruction as to the care of the health was given to the children.

Finding a large proportion of the children under weight I have with financial assistance from the Red Cross, and

parents been able to supply the children with milk and crackers during the morning sessions. I feel confident this will assist in correcting this defect.

The eye and ear tests required by the State were completed.

Twenty-five minor injuries not requiring the attention of a physician have had dressings applied in school and seven have been sent to Dr. Worth.

Home hygiene classes are being conducted for the girls in the 7th, 8th and 1st year High.

Here I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school physician, teachers and parents for the co-operation I have received from them and also the interest the children have taken in trying to follow the instructions given them in the school inspections made by me.

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE LANDERS, R. N.,

School Nurse.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. R. W. Martin, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir :

I submit herewith the following report of the music in the school of Oak Bluffs.

The purpose of teaching singing in the public schools is three-fold: First, to enable the largest possible number of children to participate correctly and tunefully in the singing; Second, by this means to develop in them a love and taste for good music; Third, to teach as many of the principles and to furnish as much of the practice of sight-singing as may be possible under the existing conditions.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report a rapid progress in music in the grades and High School since the beginning of the year and much credit should be given the pupils for their effort and attention.

I wish to extend to the Teachers my appreciation in following up instructions and for their hearty co-operation. I wish also to extend the same thanks to Mr. Martin.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA E. RIDLON,

Supervisor of Music.

STATISTICS OAK BLUFFS PUBLIC SCHOOLS **1921 - 1922**

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Percent of Attendance
1	Ruth Biermeister	47	28	88
2	*Mae C. Gorham	45	30	91
	*Agnes I. Reid			
3	Margaret Nelson	43	34	92
4	Blanche McCordick	35	25	92
5 & 6	Mary E. Place	65	58	89
	Mildred E. Bunker			
	Assistant			
7 & 8		40	33	89
9 - 12	Inclusive	37	33	91

Teachers: 7 - 12 Inclusive

Rudolph H. Keyes, Principal

S. C. Neff.

Daniel F. O'Connor.

Frances A. Wood.

Mary M. Connor.

December 1922

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Percent of Attendance
1	Anna E. Crosby	42	36	88
2	Grace P. Smith	31	25	89
3	Eleanor M. Ripley	28	26	92
4	Laura C. Siecke	37	34	91
5 & 6	Mary E. Place	47	42	93
	Mildred E. Bunker Assistant			
7 & 8		44	42	95
9 - 12 Inclusive		39	38	97

Teachers ; 7 - 12 Inclusive

Harold M. Ladd, Principal.

Assistants:

H. Gilbert Jordan.

Mildred Bacon

Isabella V. Michelman

Mary M. Connor

Mildred Russell

Supervisor of Music

Flora E. Ridlon.

School Nurse

Irene Landers.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1922-1924

Winter Term: Jan. 2 to Mar. 29, 1923.

Spring Term: Apr. 10 to June 15, 1923.

Fall Term: Sept. 5 to Dec. 21, 1923.

Winter Term: Jan. 2 to Mar. 28, 1924.

Spring Term: Apr. 8 to June 13, 1924.

This calendar subject to change by vote of the School Committee.



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Town Officers, 1923

TOWN CLERK
JOHN MILLER

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN
NORMAN L. PRATT
FREDERICK W. SMITH

ASSESSORS
JESSE STEERE
HAROLD W. CHASE
DAVID J. BARNEY
(Deceased)
ETHEL L. BARNEY

TREASURER
FRANK O. MATTHEWS
(Deceased)
WALTER C. RIPLEY

COLLECTOR OF TAXES
EDWIN R. FRASIER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
CLARENCE P. HAYDEN
MINNIE E. VINCENT
ETHEL L. BARNEY

AUDITOR
LEWIS BARTLETT

BOARD OF HEALTH

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN
NORMAN L. PRATT
FREDERICK W. SMITH

PARK COMMISSIONERS

THOMAS A. McGRATH
HAROLD E. JORDAN
WALTER L. BESSE

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

EMERY N. NOYES
PERCY H. HOUSE
JOHN D. BAIRD

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS

ANTONE D. SILVIA

CONSTABLES

MANUEL R. SILVIA
HARRY T. WEBB

TREE WARDEN

GEORGE FRYE

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

HERBERT A. EDDY
DAVID J. BARNEY

FENCE VIEWERS

JOHN W. McGRATH
MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT

POUND KEEPER

WALTER W. GILKES

FIELD DRIVERS

HARRY T. WEBB
MANUEL R. SILVIA

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

H. WESTON CHASE

SPECIAL PARK COMMISSIONERS

LYMAN W. BESSE

ALFRED E. COX

EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE

BOARD OF ENGINEERS

EDWIN R. FRASIER

ROY A. BUNKER

HERBERT A. EDDY

FINANCE COMMITTEE

1921

MYRTLE P. NORTON

SUSAN J. CHASE

DAVID J. McBRIDE

THOMAS L. WILLISTON

MANUEL R. CHARVES

1922

HOSEA S. LOOK

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN

FRANK F. BLANKENSHIP

PETER J. TAEGER

REUBEN PHILLIPS

1923

JOHN H. HUGHES

EBEN D. BODFISH

JOSEPH S. PENNEY

FRANK P. BUNKER

EDWIN R. FRASIER

Valuation April 1, 1923

Total valuation personal property and real estate	\$2,846,741.70
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Rate of taxation \$30

Total property tax	\$102,823.17
Tax on 406 polls	2,030.00

Total tax	\$104,853.17
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State tax assessed	\$5,640.00
State Highway tax	123.56
County tax	5,978.40
Town tax assessed	91,081.21

Total	\$102,823.17
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The following items were taken from the Assessors' books for 1923:

Number of resident tax payers	527
Number of non-resident tax payers	1007
Number of polls	406
Number of cows	115
Number of horses	48
Number of sheep	20
Number of swine	50
Number of fowl	650
Acres of land	3423
Number of dwelling houses	1166

EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Baptist church and land	\$3,500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association and land	2,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land	3,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land (new)	25,000.00
Episcopal Society, church and land	3,500.00
M. P. Campmeeting Association, church, tab- ernacle and land	10,500.00
Union Chapel Christian Association, Chapel and land	6,000.00
Bradley Memorial church and land	500.00
African M. E. church and land	500.00
Martha's Vineyard Hospital	6,700.00
Fall River Deaconess Home, Inc.	1,000.00
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	\$63,200.00

Receipts

TAXES

Levy of 1921,	\$6.08
Levy of 1922,	1,457.53
Levy of 1923,	88,640.11
Corporation,	1,256.24
Income,	4,407.00
National Bank,	30.19
	<hr/> \$95,797.15

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Itinerant Venders,	\$325.00
Dance Hall,	100.00
Sunday,	95.00
Inn holders,	56.00
Common victuallers,	14.00
Carriage,	44.00
Baggage,	2.00
Shooting gallery,	15.00
Pool and billiards,	16.00
Auctioneers,	2.00
Peddlers,	18.00
Slaughtering,	2.00
Dance,	5.00
Shellfish,	2.00
	<hr/> 696.00

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court fines,	501.26
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GRANTS AND GIFTS

From the state:

Vocational school,	\$534.77	
Superintendent,	483.34	
	<hr/>	\$1,018.11

From the County:

Dog fund,	175.46	
	<hr/>	\$1,193.57.

DEPARTMENTAL

Collector of taxes costs,	\$18.14	
Rent of Court room,	75.00	
Tuberculosis, state,	52.14	
Reimbursement, charity,	70.00	
State aid,	336.00	
Schools, rent	200.00	
Unidentified receipt,	8.20	
	<hr/>	\$759.48

CEMETERY

Sale of lots,	\$100.00	
Care of lots,	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$116.00

INTEREST

On deposits,	\$128.46	
Barbey Poor funds,	213.55	
Clark Poor funds,	56.59	
Norton Poor funds,	43.09	
Cemetery Perpetual Care funds,	71.73	
Smith Hughes funds,	2.12	
	<hr/>	\$515.54

INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue loans,	\$70,000.00
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TRUST

Barbey school fund,	\$5,783.45	
Smith Hughes fund,	83.48	
Cemetery Perpetual Care fund,	401.17	
	<hr/>	\$6,268.10

REFUNDS

Fire department,	\$4.18	
School department,	33.24	
Interest,	222.50	
	<hr/>	\$259.92
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Grand total,		\$180,608.49
Total receipts,		\$176,107.02
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Cash balance, January 1, 1923,		4,501.47

Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE

Salary of Moderator,	\$15.00
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SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages:

Selectmen,	\$600.00	
Clerk,	\$150.00	
	<hr/>	750.00

Other expenses:

Janitor services,	\$75.00	
Cleaning,	5.00	
Repairs,	11.50	
Fuel,	27.00	
Telephone,	2.65	
Supplies,	56.76	
Water,	13.00	
	<hr/>	190.91

940.91

AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Auditor,	100.00
Expenses,	30.00

130.00

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of treasurer:

Estate of F. O. Matthews,	\$188.50
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W. C. Ripley,	186.50	
	<hr/>	375.00

Other expenses:

Surety bonds (two),	\$50.00	
Certification of notes,	18.00	
Moving safe,	25.00	
Printing, stationery and postage,	16.22	
	<hr/>	109.22
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484.22

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Collector:

E. H. Matthews,	\$470.00
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Other expenses:

Clerical hire,	\$25.00	
Surety bond,	40.00	
Recording deeds, etc.	49.70	
Advertising,	9.00	
Printing, stationery and postage,	91.56	
	<hr/>	215.26
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685.26

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

Salary of assessors,	445.83
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Other expenses:

Printing, stationery and postage,	\$54.00	
Abstracts,	152.60	
Auto hire,	50.00	
Assessors' expenses,	50.00	
	<hr/>	306.60
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752.43

LAW DEPARTMENT

Salary of town council,	75.00
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TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of town clerk,	\$300.00
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Other expenses:

Surety bond,	\$4.00
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Births, deaths and marriages,	76.75
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Books,	28.02
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Typewriter,	40.00
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Printing, stationery, and postage,	45.00
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	<u>193.77</u>
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	<u>493.77</u>
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ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION

Salaries and wages:

Registrars,	\$100.00
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Election officers,	38.00
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	<u>138.00</u>
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Other expenses:

Oath, election officers,	4.60
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Repairs of ballot boxes,	11.15
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Carting ballot boxes,	1.50
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Posting notices,	2.25
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Printing,	31.50
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Rent,	100.00
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	<u>151.00</u>
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	<u>289.00</u>
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages:

Nightman,	\$1,452.00
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Day officers,	2,457.25
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	<u>3,909.25</u>
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Other expenses:

Court fees,	\$6.96	
Auto hire,	21.00	
Supplies,	56.28	
Telephone,	23.85	
Killing dog,	2.50	
Medical attendance,	65.45	
	<hr/>	176.04
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		\$4,085.29

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages:

Board of engineers,	\$50.00	
Chief,	50.00	
Clerk,	10.00	
Superintendent of fire alarm,	50.00	
Firemen,	638.32	
Steward, hose No. 1,	35.00	
Steward, hose No. 2,	25.00	
Steward, hose No. 3,	12.50	
Steward, hose No. 4,	25.00	
Steward, steamer,	35.00	
Fireman, steamer,	15.00	
Engineer, steamer,	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,020.82
Hydrant rental,	2,450.00	
Care of fire alarm batteries,	200.00	
New fire alarm boxes,	288.85	
New hose,	342.36	
Equipment for men,		
Coats and hats,	114.00	
Fire alarm whistle,	1,428.44	
Repairs of hydrant hose doors,	147.46	
Painting inside hose house,	50.00	

Repairing steamer house,	1,148.49	
Fire and Light:		
Coal,	\$60.18	
Light,	91.78	
	<hr/>	151.96
Other expenses:		
Repairs,	\$169.63	
Supplies,	144.91	
Boiler inspection,	5.00	
Storage,	18.75	
Cleaning,	3.00	
Water,	40.00	
	<hr/>	381.29
	<hr/>	\$7,723.67

MOTH EXTERMINATION

Labor,	\$276.00	
Arsenate of lead,	124.69	
Supplies,	1.10	
Auto hire,	12.00	
Garage rent,	40.00	
	<hr/>	453.79

TREE WARDEN

Salary,	34.00
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Equipment,	12.56
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DOG OFFICER

Salary,	5.00
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HARBOR MASTER

Salary,	\$50.00	
Care of buoys,	111.00	
	<hr/>	161.00

SPECIAL CONSTABLE, SHELLFISH

Salary,	50.00
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Total for Protection of Persons and Property.	<u>\$12,525.31</u>
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH

Salary of Board of Health,	\$75.00
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Other expenses:	
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Hospital care,	\$224.74
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Supplies,	23.45
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Burying dog,	1.00
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<u> </u>	249.19
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Inspection of animals,	50.00
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Inspection of slaughtering,	
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Salary,	\$50.00
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Expenses,	25.00
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<u> </u>	75.00
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Agent Board of Health,	
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Salary,	150.00
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<u> </u>	599.19
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PUBLIC SANITARIES

Cleaning,	\$96.00
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Rent,	100.00
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Water,	104.30
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Repairs,	106.14
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Supplies,	14.88
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<u> </u>	421.32
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REMOVAL OF SWILL AND GARBAGE

Labor,	\$940.00
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Repairs of equipment,	16.00
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<u> </u>	956.00
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CARE OF DUMPS

Labor,	509.00
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CLEANING STREETS

Labor,	\$690.00
Repairs of equipment,	4.15
Supplies,	17.00
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	711.15

Total for Health and Sanitation,	\$3,196.66
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HIGHWAYS

REPAIRS OF DIRT ROADS

Labor and teams,	\$1,650.32
Tools,	13.85
Ashes,	25.00
Supplies,	8.71
Storage,	45.00
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	\$1,742.88

REPAIRS TO CONCRETE

Labor and teams,	\$3,625.25
Tar,	160.00
Freight and cartage,	74.25
Tools,	47.90
Wood,	74.00
Stone,	32.78
Grates and covers	116.22
Catch basins,	187.50
Supplies,	34.95
	<hr/>
	\$4,352.85

BULKHEADS AND BRIDGES

Labor,	\$78.00
Painting,	115.25
Repairs,	137.25
Lumber, nails, etc.,	33.23
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	363.73

SNOW REMOVAL

Labor and teams,	\$431.25	
Supplies,	12.55	
	<hr/>	443.80

CONCRETING WAMSUTTA AVENUE

Reimbursements,	376.16
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STREET LIGHTING

Contract,	\$6,746.67	
Painting,	20.00	
Lamps, etc.,	68.10	
	<hr/>	\$6,834.77

STREET SIGNS

Signs,	54.09
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STATE HIGHWAY TAX

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,	126.53
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Total for Highways,	\$14,294.81

CHARITIES

Support of Poor:

Cash aid,	\$3,855.00	
Medical attendance,	405.95	
Clothing,	16.26	
Fuel,	192.45	
Board and Care,	404.50	
Groceries,	254.79	
Burial,	70.00	
Transportation,	28.00	
Mothers aid,	1,250.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,476.95

Penalty:

Failure to make return,	9.00
Assistance in payment of taxes,	232.00
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Total for Charities,	\$6,717.95

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid,	296.00
Military Aid,	48.00
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Total for Soldiers' Benefits,	344.00

EDUCATION

SCHOOLS

Salary of Committee,	\$150.00	
Salary of Secretary,	50.00	
Superintendent,	850.00	
Physician,	100.00	
Nurse,	548.65	
	<hr/>	\$1,698.65
Teachers' salaries,	13,466.70	
Janitors' salaries,	968.00	
Repairs,	66.46	
Janitors' supplies,	226.90	
Text books and supplies,	1,347.92	
Typewriters,	210.00	
Furniture,	21.60	
Fuel,	1,436.15	
Lighting,	34.25	
Transportation,	799.00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing, stationery and		
postage,	\$25.45	
Telephone,	38.30	

Traveling,	51.51	
Insurance,	244.35	
Freight and express,	12.15	
Water,	20.00	
Field day,	6.00	
Graduation expenses,	21.85	
	<hr/>	419.61
		<hr/> 20,695.24

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Teachers' salaries,	\$1,644.05	
Supplies,	387.34	
Light,	15.05	
Fuel,	15.55	
Water,	68.77	
	<hr/>	2,130.76

SCHOOL LAND

Purchase of land,	400.00	
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Total for Education,		\$23,226.00

LIBRARIES

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salary of librarian,	\$346.50
Janitor's service,	63.06
Magazines,	54.75
Repairs,	10.66
Water,	12.55
Rent,	150.00
Indexing (room and board),	96.00
Fuel and light,	46.93

Supplies,	23.45	
Insurance,	18.80	
	<hr/>	822.70

Total for Libraries,		<hr/> \$822.70
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RECREATION

PUBLIC PARKS

Labor and teams,		\$307.00
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SPECIAL PARKS

Labor and teams,	\$1,790.45	
Loam and dressing,	212.00	
Shrubs and plants,	1,126.75	
Repairs,	55.16	
Water,	121.88	
Painting,	28.60	
Supplies,	88.15	
	<hr/>	\$3,422.99

NASHAWENA PARK

Labor and teams,	\$716.25	
Seed and dressing,	146.90	
	<hr/>	\$863.15

Total for Recreation,		<hr/> \$4,593.14
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UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial day,	\$35.00	
Printing town reports,	186.50	
Advertising:		
Board of Trade,	500.00	
Reserve Fund:		
Damages to fence,	50.00	
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Total for Unclassified,		\$771.50

CEMETERIES

Cemetery:

Labor,	\$522.75	
Recording deeds,	4.00	
Mowers,	15.25	
Supplies,	76.46	
	<hr/>	\$618.46
Total for Cemeteries,		<hr/> \$618.46

INTEREST

Interest on temporary loans,	\$1,283.59	
Interest on town debt,	1,354.91	
Interest on over due state tax,	4.34	
	<hr/>	\$2,642.84
Total for Interest,		<hr/> \$2,642.84

TOWN DEBT

Revenue loans,	\$80,000.00	
General loans,	6,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$86,500.00
Total for Town Debt,		<hr/> \$86,500.00

AGENCY

State tax,	\$5,640.00	
Civilian War Poll tax,	1,206.00	
Soldiers' exemption tax,	19.06	
County tax,	5,978.50	
	<hr/>	\$12,843.46
Total for Agency,		<hr/> \$12,843.46

TRUST

Cemetery perpetual care funds,	\$301.17	
Barbey fund (school),	5,783.45	
Smith Hughes fund,	85.60	
	<hr/>	\$6,170.22
Total for Trust,		<hr/> \$6,170.22
Total payments,		<hr/> \$179,132.64
Cash balance December 31, 1923,		1,475.85
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Grand total,		\$180,608.49

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1923

GENERAL ACCOUNTS ASSETS

Cash:

In bank and office, \$1,475.85

Accounts Receivable:

E. H. Matthews, Collector

Levy of 1921, \$79.35

Levy of 1922, 231.98

311.33

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Levy of 1922, \$38.75

Levy of 1923, 14,687.75

14,726.50

Departmental:

Moth, \$55.13

Highways, 130.67

State Aid, 296.00

Military Aid, 24.00

505.80

Tax Titles held by town,

1,250.36

Civilian War Polls,

90.00

Overdrafts (to be appropriated):

Overlay, 1923, \$846.73

Appropriations, 5,446.56

6,293.29

\$24,653.13

LIABILITIES

Cemetery Perpetual Care deposit,	\$100.00
Appropriation balances :	
Collector's salary and bond,	\$430.00
Steward, Hose 3,	12.50
	<hr/> 442.50
Tax Title Revenue,	1,250.36
Departmental Revenue,	505.80
Surplus Revenue,	22,354.47
	<hr/> \$246,53.13

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$11,000.00
	<hr/> \$11,000.00
School House Loan,	\$1,000.00
Beach Road Loan,	1,000.00
Sidewalk Loan,	4,000.00
New York Ave. Loan,	3,000.00
Park Loan,	2,000.00
	<hr/> \$11,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:	
Cash and Securities	\$18,956.55
	<hr/> \$18,956.55
Barbey School Fund,	\$9,464.03
Barbey Poor Fund,	5,179.33
Norton Poor Fund,	947.17
Clark Poor Funds,	1,244.70
Smith Hughes Fund,	191.79
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds,	1,929.53
	<hr/> \$18,956.53

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Appropriations

General Government

Moderator, Salary,	\$15.00
Selectmen, Salaries,	600.00
Clerk, Salary,	150.00
Selectmen, Expenses,	200.00
Auditor, Salary,	10.00
Auditor, Expenses,	25.00
Treasurer, Salary and Bond,	425.00
Treasurer, Expenses,	35.00
Collector, Salary and Bond,	940.00
Collector, Expenses,	40.00
Assessors', Salaries,	450.00
Assessors', Expenses,	175.00
Town Council, Salary,	75.00
Town Clerk, Salary,	300.00
Town Clerk, Expenses,	225.00
Board of Registrars, Salaries,	100.00
Board of Registrars, Expenses,	275.00
Committee on Town Hall	25.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Night Watch	1,460.00
Police, Salaries,	2,200.00
Police, Expenses,	200.00
Board of Engineers, Salaries,	50.00
Chief Engineer, Salary,	50.00
Clerk, Salary,	10.00
Supt. of Fire Alarm, Salary,	50.00
Firemen, Salaries,	800.00
Steward, Hose 1	35.00
Steward, Hose 2,	25.00
Steward, Hose 3,	25.00
Steward, Hose 4,	25.00
Steward, Steamer,	35.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balances	Overdrafts
.....	\$15.00	\$15.00	.....	.....
.....	600.00	600.00	.....	.....
.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....
.....	200.00	190.91	9.09	.....
.....	10.00	100.00	.....	90.00
.....	25.00	30.00	.....	5.00
.....	425.00	425.00	.....	.....
.....	35.00	59.22	.....	24.22
.....	940.00	510.00	430.00	.....
18.14	58.14	175.26	.....	119.12
.....	450.00	445.83	4.17	.....
.....	175.00	306.60	.....	131.60
.....	75.00	75.00	.....	.....
.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....
.....	225.00	193.77	31.23	.....
.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
.....	275.00	189.00	86.00	.....
.....	25.00	.....	25.00	.....
.....	1,460.00	1,452.00	8.00	.....
.....	2,200.00	2,457.25	.....	257.25
.....	200.00	176.04	23.96	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	800.00	638.32	161.68	.....
.....	35.00	35.00	.....	.....
.....	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
.....	25.00	12.50	12.50	.....
.....	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
.....	35.00	35.00	.....	.....

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations
Fireman, Steamer,	15.00
Engineer, Steamer,	.....
Care of Fire Alarm Batteries,	200.00
Hydrant rental,	2,490.00
New fire alarm boxes,	300.00
New hose,	400.00
Coats and Hats,	85.00
Fire Alarm Whistle,	1,500.00
Repairs to Hydrant Hose doors,	100.00
Painting inside hose house,	50.00
Repairs and painting steamer house,	1,500.00
Fuel and light,	250.00
Contingent Expenses,	450.00
Moth Extermination,	600.00
Tree Warden, Salary,	25.00
Sealer, Salary,	100.00
Sealer, Expenses,	40.00
Dog Officer,	5.00
Harbor Master, Salary,	50.00
Harbor Master, Expenses,	100.00
Special Constable, Shellfish,	50.00

Health and Sanitation

Board of Health, Salaries,	75.00
Board of Health, Expenses,	500.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary,	50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary,	50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering, Expenses,	.....
Agent, Salary,	150.00
Public Sanitarries,	700.00
Removal of Swill and Garbage,	1,000.00
Care of Dump,	300.00
Cleaning Streets	850.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balances	Overdrafts
.....	15.00	15.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	75.00	.....	75.00
.....	200.00	200.00	.....	.....
.....	2,490.00	2,450.00	40.00	.....
.....	300.00	288.85	11.15	.....
.....	400.00	342.36	57.64	.....
.....	85.00	114.00	.....	29.00
.....	1,500.00	1,428.44	71.56	.....
.....	100.00	147.46	.....	47.46
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	1,500.00	1,148.49	351.51	.....
4.18	254.18	151.96	102.22	.....
.....	450.00	381.29	68.71	.....
.....	600.00	453.79	146.21	.....
.....	25.00	34.00	.....	9.00
.....	100.00	.....	100.00	.....
.....	40.00	12.56	27.44	.....
.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	100.00	111.00	.....	11.00
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	75.00	75.00	.....	.....
.....	500.00	249.19	250.81	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	25.00	.....	25.00
.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....
.....	700.00	421.32	278.68	.....
.....	1,000.00	956.00	44.00	.....
.....	300.00	509.00	.....	209.00
.....	850.00	711.15	138.85	.....

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations
Highways	
Repairs of Dirt Roads,	2,000.00
Repairs of Concrete,	4,000.00
Bulkheads and Bridges,	400.00
Snow Removal,	200.00
Concreting Wamsutta Ave.,	376.16
Street Lighting,	6,600.00
Street Signs,	100.00
State Highway tax	126.53
Charities	
Support of Poor,	4,500.00
Assistance in payment of taxes,	.....
Penalty, failure to make return,	.....
Soldiers' Benefits	
Soldiers' Aid,	400.00
Education	
School Committee, Salary,	150.00
Secretary, Salary,	50.00
Superintendent, Salary,	850.00
School Physician,	100.00
School Nurse,	540.00
School Expenses,	2,300.00
Transportation and Evening,	17,305.00
Vocational Education,	1,400.00
Purchase of Land,	400.00
Libraries	
Public Library	600.00
Recreation	
Public Parks,	600.00
Special Parks,	3,000.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balances	Overdrafts
.....	2,000.00	1,742.88	257.12	.....
.....	4,000.00	4,352.85	.....	352.85
.....	400.00	363.73	36.27	.....
.....	200.00	443.80	.....	243.80
.....	376.16	376.16	.....	.....
.....	6,600.00	6,834.77	.....	234.77
.....	100.00	54.09	45.91	.....
.....	126.53	126.53	.....	.....
313.23	4,813.23	6,476.95	.....	1,904.72
.....	.....	232.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	9.00	.....	.....
.....	400.00	344.00	56.00	.....
.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	850.00	850.00	.....	.....
.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
.....	540.00	548.65	.....	8.65
33.24	2,333.24	18,996.59	641.65	.....
	17,305.00			
.....	1,400.00	2,130.76	.....	730.76
.....	400.00	400.00	.....	.....
175.46	775.46	822.70	.....	47.24
.....	600.00	307.00	293.00	.....
.....	3,000.00	3,422.99	.....	422.99

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations
Nashawena Park,	1,000.00
Amusements	2,500.00
Unclassified	
Memorial Day,	35.00
Printing town Reports,	250.00
Advertising,	500.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	.....
Reserve fund,	1,500.00
Cemeteries	
Cemetery	500.00
Interest	
Interest	2,000.00
Overdue State Tax	.....
Town Debt	
Temporary Loans	10,000.00
General Loans	6,500.00
Agency	
State Tax	5,640.00
Civilian War Polls	1,206.00
Soldiers' Exemption	.....
County Tax	5,978.40
Trust	
Barbey School Fund,	.....
Smith Hughes Fund	.....
Totals	<hr/> 104,622.09

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balances	Overdrafts
.....	1,000.00	863.15	136.85	.....
.....	2,500.00	.....	2,500.00	.....
.....	35.00	35.00	.....	.....
.....	250.00	186.50	63.50	.....
.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....
.....	1,500.00	50.00	1,450.00	.....
87.73	587.73	618.46	.....	30.73
222.50	2,222.50	2,638.50	.....	420.34
.....	.....	4.34	.....	.....
70,000.00	80,000.00	80,000.00	.....	.....
.....	6,500.00	6,500.00	.....	.....
.....	5,640.00	5,640.00	.....	.....
.....	1,206.00	1,206.00	.....	.....
.....	.....	19.06	.....	19.06
.....	5,978.40	5,978.40	.....	.....
301.17	301.17	301.17	.....	.....
5,783.45	5,783.45	5,783.45	.....	.....
85.60	85.60	85.60	.....	.....
<hr/> 77,024.70	<hr/> 181,646.79	<hr/> 179,132.64	<hr/> 7,960.71	<hr/> 5,446.56

Selectmen's Report

Office of the Selectmen,
January 24, 1924.

The Board of Selectmen respectfully present the report of Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts as the report of their department and of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,
NORMAN L. PRATT,
FREDERICK W. SMITH,

Selectmen.

Auditor's Report

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

From January 1, 1922 to December 31, 1923, Made in
Accordance with the Provisions of Section 35,
Chapter 44, General Laws

State House, Boston, January 24, 1924.

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Michael J. Keegan, Chairman,
Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the period from January 1, 1922 to December 31, 1923, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division, who was placed in charge of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the period from January 1, 1922 to December 31, 1923, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked for the period covered by the audit.

Owing to the illness and subsequent death of the former town treasurer during the early part of the year 1923, the records of the town treasurer's office were found to be incomplete. It was therefore necessary to check the cancelled checks and duplicate bank deposit slips in order to obtain a correct statement of receipts and disbursements for the year.

The cash book entries were checked and adjusted, the receipts being checked with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing them and with the cancelled checks on file.

The cash on hand December 31, 1923 was verified by an actual count and the bank balance was reconciled with the statement furnished by the bank. The cash balance called for by the cash book was found to be \$7.57 in excess of the actual cash on hand and in the bank. This difference is, I believe, due to some payment in prior years for which proper entry has not been made, and I would recommend that this small amount be adjusted in order that the present treasurer's accounts may be in agreement with the actual cash on hand.

Appended to this report is a table showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash.

The accounts of the collector of taxes for the years 1921 and 1922 were examined and checked in detail. The commitment books were footed, the payments to the treasurer were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's cash book, and the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' records of abatements granted, the differences being noted. The collector stated that a number of abatements for which he had not received abatement slips had been entered on the books on the verbal authority of the assessors.

The collector's records for the years 1921 and 1922 show that the accounts have been settled in full; the examination, however, shows that there is due from the collector \$79.35 for the year 1921 and \$231.98 for the year 1922. The collector, in making his statement of the final settlement with the town, took credit for fees and expenses for stationery and postage, although the town annually makes an appropriation for the collector's expenses. The collector should settle with the town for the full amount of the commitment and render an itemized bill for any expenses due, which should be paid through the town treasury, the same as bills of all other departments.

Appended to this report are tables showing a summary of the tax accounts for the years 1921 and 1922.

The tax title deeds held by the town were examined and listed, it being found that some of the tax deeds are for taxes assessed as far back as 1880. I would therefore recommend that action be taken for the foreclosure of all rights of redemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 65, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The accounts of the tax collector for the year 1923 were examined and checked in detail. The commitment book was footed and reconciled. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer's books, and it was found that the cash on hand and payments to the treasurer exceeded the collections, as shown by the com-

mitment book, by \$239.30. This difference is due to the fact that the collector has either allowed some of his personal funds to be mixed with his tax collections or has received payments which do not appear on the books, and it will be adjusted when the commitment is settled.

Prior to the audit, the collector of taxes did not keep a cash book, but the present collector is now recording all collections in a cash book, as required by Section 7, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The outstanding tax accounts were listed and proved, and were further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. Three replies were received claiming that payment had been made, and on investigation it was found that these were on account of duplicate assessments. I am therefore satisfied that with these exceptions the outstanding accounts as listed are correct.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the collector's cash and summaries of the tax accounts.

The work of the assessing department has not been carried on in a businesslike manner. The warrant for the commitment of taxes for the year 1921 exceeded the aggregate of the detailed list by \$4,043.96; the warrant for the commitment of taxes for 1922 could not be located, but the detailed list exceeded the total of the commitment, as shown by the assessors' report on page 6 of the annual town report, by \$196.60; and the aggregate of the detailed list for 1923 exceeded the warrant by \$79.60. The records of abatements were very poorly kept, the records not agreeing with the abatements as shown by the collector. For the assessment of 1921 there are six items, aggregating \$158.45, shown on the assessors' records of abatements, which do not show as abatements on the collector's records, and twelve items, aggregating \$87.94, on the collector's records as abatements which do not appear on the assessors' records; for the assessment of 1922 there are five

items on the assessors' records which do not appear on the collector's records, and eighteen items on the collector's records which do not appear on the assessors' records.

In making up the warrants for the various years the assessors have failed to provide an overlay for the abatement of taxes, and the amount of the Civilian War Poll taxes due the State has not been included in the warrant. Also, the assessors have not used any estimated receipts in determining the tax rate, and in 1923 they added \$2,500 for interest to the amount to be raised, although \$2,000 for interest was included in the amount raised for appropriations voted by the town.

The appropriation accounts kept by the clerk of the selectmen were checked with the town clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town, and the recorded charges against them were checked with the original vouchers and the cancelled checks on file, although a number of the original bills could not be located.

The accounts were adjusted, and statements were prepared for the annual report showing the receipts and disbursements in classified form. A balance sheet was also prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1923.

The town clerk's records of licenses issued for dogs and for hunting and fishing were examined and payments to the State and county treasurers verified.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked, and it was found that the receipts of 1922 amounting to \$25.43 and of 1923 amounting to \$30.45 do not appear to have been paid into the town treasury. The sealer's salary for 1923 had not yet been paid, and before it is paid the sealer should make settlement with the treasurer for the amount of fees received.

The records of the librarian of receipts for fines, sales, etc., were examined and checked, and it was found that the receipts are retained at the library and expended for library purposes. In this connection, I wish to call attention to Section 53, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

All moneys received by any town officer or department, except as otherwise provided by special acts and except fees provided for by statute, shall be paid by such officer or department upon their receipt into the town treasury. Any sums so paid into the town treasury shall not later be used by such officer or department without a specific appropriation thereof.

The surety bonds given by the treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and found to be as shown by the treasurer's accounts.

Tables showing the condition of the several funds are appended to this report.

In 1914 an accounting system was installed by the Bureau of Statistics which provided for the keeping, in a single department, of general records which would show the assets and liabilities, the appropriations made, and the charges against them, as well as a detail of all receipts and payments. Unfortunately, however, the system has not been carried on as originally outlined. The general ledger accounts have not been kept up to date; the appropriation accounts, however, have been kept, although a number of the accounts have been overdrawn.

The law requiring the several town officers to confine their expenditures within the sums appropriated is clearly set forth in Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, and is as follows:

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two-thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two-thirds of the selectmen.

Authority to refuse approval for payment of bills of all

departments for legitimate reasons is placed upon the selectmen, and since such authority is placed by statute, responsibility must automatically be recognized.

The conditions as reported are, I believe, due, to a very large extent, to the failure of the town to provide adequately for keeping the accounts up to date. As a remedy I would suggest the adoption of the town accountant statute (Section 55, Chapter 41, General Laws) and the appointment of such an official. The system of accounts as originally installed should be carried out, and the statutory provisions relative to appropriations should be complied with.

While engaged on the audit, I received the co-operation of the several town officials, and I desire, on behalf of my assistants and myself, to express my appreciation for the courtesies received and the assistance rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

Chief Examiner.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1923, per treasurer's cash book	\$4,501.47	
Receipts	176,107.02	
	<hr/>	\$180,608.49
Expenditures	\$179,132.64	
Balance December 31, 1923	1,475.85	
	<hr/>	\$180,608.49
Balance December 31, 1923, per treasurer's cash book	\$1,475.85	
Outstanding checks, per list	13,387.88	
	<hr/>	\$14,863.73
In Martha's Vineyard National Bank, per bank statement December 30, 1923	\$12,024.09	

Deposited December 31, 1923	1,541.23	
Cash on hand December 31, 1923, verified	1,290.84	
Cash variation December 31, 1923	7.57	
	<hr/>	\$14,863.73

TAXES—1921

E. H. Matthews, Collector

Commitment per warrant	\$83,127.14	
Additional commitment	178.89	
	<hr/>	\$83,306.03
Interest:		
1921	\$53.27	
1922	11.30	
	<hr/>	64.57
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		\$83,370.60
Warrant in excess of com- mitment list	\$4,043.96	
Payments to treasurer:		
1921	\$76,899.88	
1922	633.66	
1923	6.08	
	<hr/>	77,539.62
Abatements:		
1921	\$1,568.11	
1922	39.30	
	<hr/>	1,607.41
Tax titles held by town	100.26	
Due from E. H. Matthews, Collector	79.35	
	<hr/>	\$83,370.60

TAXES—1922

E. H. Matthews, Collector

Commitment per list	\$83,123.80
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Payments to treasurer:

1922	\$77,521.08	
1923	1,367.53	
	<hr/>	\$78,888.61
Abatements 1922		3,348.65
Tax titles held by town		525.81
Recommitted to E. R. Frasier, Collector		128.75
Due from E. H. Matthews, Collector		231.98
	<hr/>	\$83,123.80

TAXES—1922

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Recommitment per list	\$128.75	
Costs	18.14	
	<hr/>	\$146.89
Payments to treasurer 1923	\$108.14	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	38.75	
	<hr/>	\$146.89

TAXES—1923

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Commitment per warrant	\$104,798.17	
Additional commitment	392.25	
Commitment list in excess of warrant	79.56	
Paid and abated	7.50	
Overpayment to treasurer	42.70	
	<hr/>	\$105,320.18
Payments to treasurer	\$88,640.11	
Abatements	1,949.62	
Outstanding December 31, 1923, per list	14,730.45	
	<hr/>	\$105,320.18

RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Collections per commitment lists:

Taxes 1922	\$108.14
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Taxes 1923	88,597.41	
Overpayment to treasurer	42.70	
Cash over	196.60	
	<hr/>	\$88,944.85
Payments to treasurer:		
Taxes 1922	\$108.14	
Taxes 1923	88,640.11	
Cash on hand December 31, 1923, verified	196.60	
	<hr/>	\$88,944.85

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash on hand January 1, 1923	\$9.30	
Receipts:		
Fines and cards	216.13	
Donation	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$275.43
Expenditures:		
Supplies and repairs	\$23.25	
Books	148.60	
Cash on hand December 31, 1923, verified	.58	
	<hr/>	\$275.43

ANNA K. BARBEY POOR FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1923	\$5,179.33	\$5,179.33
On hand at end of year 1923	\$5,179.33	\$5,179.33
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>
Interest earned	\$213.55	To town treasurer
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Total	\$213.55	Total
		\$213.55

ICHABOD NORTON POOR FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1923		\$947.17	\$947.17
On hand at end of year 1923		\$947.17	\$947.17
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Interest earned	\$43.09	To town treasurer	\$43.09
Total	\$43.09	Total	\$43.09

REBECCA CLARKE POOR FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1923		\$1,244.70	\$1,244.70
On hand at end of year 1923		\$1,244.70	\$1,244.70
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Interest earned	\$56.59	To town treasurer	\$56.59
Total	\$56.59	Total	\$56.59

ANNA K. BARBEY SCHOOL FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1923		\$3,680.58	\$3,680.58
On hand at end of year 1923		\$9,464.03	\$9,464.03
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Bequests	\$5,783.45	Deposited in bank	\$5,783.45
Total	\$5,783.45	Total	\$5,783.45

SMITH-HUGHES FUND

		Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1923		\$106.19	\$106.19
On hand at end of year 1923		\$191.79	\$191.79

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Bequest	\$83.48	Deposited in savings	
Interest earned	2.12	bank	\$85.60
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Total	\$85.60	Total	\$85.60

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Cash	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1923	.....	\$1,628.36	\$1,628.36
On hand at end of year 1923	*\$100.00	\$1,929.53	\$2,029.53

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
New funds	\$400.00	Deposited in savings	
Interest earned	72.90	bank	\$301.17
		To town treasurer	71.73
		Cash on hand	
		Dec. 31, 1923	100.00
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Total	\$472.90	Total	\$472.90

*In general cash account

Treasurer's Report

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Town of Oak Bluffs:

I wish to report that having been appointed Town Treasurer pro tem on July 13, 1923 at the request of Mr. F. O. Matthews, Town Treasurer, as he was unable to perform his duties on account of illness, at his sudden and regrettable death a few days later, my appointment was confirmed by the Bureau of Accounts to finish the balance of the term. My books have been examined by the Auditors from the Bureau of Accounts and my financial transactions will be found in these reports.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER C. RIPLEY,

Town Treasurer pro tem.

Town Clerk's Report

RETURN OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1923

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
January	2 Annie Veira	F	Joseph and Louiza
"	8 Stillborn	F	
"	15 Walter Allen Johnson	M	
"	18 ——— Glover	M	Thomas C. and Sarah
"	19 Blake Gordon Dean	M	Seth B. and Ethel M.
"	26 Lois Audrey Heathman	M	Roscoe O. and Gladys L.
"	29 Albert Edward Sylvia, 3rd	M	Albert E. Jr. and Celia E.
"	30 Otis Antone Rogers, Jr.	M	Otis A. and Mary E.
"	30 Elizabeth Flanders	F	Robert and Gladys
"	30 Elisha Ralph Smith	M	Ralph T. and Rosanna
"	31 Jean Allan	F	John H. and Mary L.
February	21 Ella Herberta Mayhew	F	Walter L. and Doris H.
"	25 Nelson Cardoza	M	James E. and Mary
March	9 Almeda Reed	F	Carl E. and Laura F.
"	18 Donald Hamilton Gale	M	Leon and Dorothy
"	24 Allen Clifford Keniston	M	Allen and Elizabeth E.
April	1 Elaine Elizabeth Jackson	F	Robert L. Jr. and Marguerite
"	7 Raymond P. Duart	M	Manuel P. and Rosa
"	20 Barbara Mabel Ladd	F	Harold M. and Katherine
May	5 Chester Stanley Weeks	M	Arthur S. and Anita E.
"	16 Marguerite Doris Henley	F	Osvald A. and Elizabeth D.
"	20 Mason Lamont Mayhew	M	Arthur and Esther A.
"	25 John Ferrera, 3rd	M	John Jr. and Mary M.
"	30 Bruce Norton Allen	M	Roger W. and Adella J.
June	2 Maxwell Arenburg	M	Fred B. and Anna T.
"	3 Evelyn May Wite	F	Antone and Maria
"	6 Robert T. C. Gilkes	M	Cooper A. and Elsie
"	15 John Francis Murphy, Jr.	M	John F. and Elizabeth B.
July	4 Richard Sylvia	M	Joseph D. and Margaret M.
"	7 Lottie Webb	F	Aaron T. and Lottie L.
"	13 Robert Taylor Morgan	M	Fred and Doris
"	20 Joseph Junior Duart	M	Joseph F. and Frances
"	27 Vivian Marie Welch	F	Forest H. and Helen M.
August	2 Raymon Carland Paltz, Jr.	M	Raymon G. and Gladys
"	6 Marie Virginia Carreiro	F	John F. and Augustina
"	17 William Kenneth Frates	M	Kenneth and Louise
"	20 Winona Okkooh Madison	F	Napoleon and Nannetta
"	24 Nancie Hazelton Swift	F	Dean H. and Kathryn D.
"	29 ——— Pavia	M	Claudino and Celeste
September	10 William Bettencourt	M	Antone and Dorothy R.
"	24 Marjorie Allen	F	Albert and Nora
"	26 John Francis Enos, Jr.	M	John F. and Nora J.
October	4 Robert Pratt	M	Norman L. and Ethel H.
"	4 Stillborn	M	
"	17 Joseph Herbert Sylvia	M	Joseph A. and Lida R.
"	20 Ogden Ross Davies	M	Henry E. Jr. and Katherine

BIRTHS—Continued

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
November	7 Priscilla May West	F	Robert and Alice K.
"	8 Stillborn	M	
"	13 Florence Elizabeth Richards	F	Garrett S. and Martha E.
"	14 Walter Ernest Hermanan	M	Arthur and Louise P.
"	25 Miriam Norton	F	Herbert R. and Effie S.
"	25 Patricia Norton	F	Herbert R. and Effie S.
"	25 Elizabeth Norton	F	Herbert R. and Effie S.
"	27 Marion M. Landers	F	Ernest J. and Bessie M.
"	27 Howard P. Davis, Jr.	M	Howard P. and Dorothy
"	28 Dorothy C. Furbush	F	Harry J. and Lydia E.
December	3 Frank Austin Noyes	M	Percy E. and Lebbia U.
"	8 Francis K. Medeiros	M	George W. and Mary E.
"	9 Richard Bradley Flanders	M	Oscar and Hope
"	23 Stillborn	M	
"	23 ——— DeCosta	F	John P. and Virginia J.
"	23 Ralph M. Packer, Jr.	M	Ralph M. and Grace
"	23 Morgan D. Packer	M	Ralph M. and Grace

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
February	5 Viriato T. Ferreira	19	Oak Bluffs
	Anna Rose	21	"
June	18 Antone A. Bettencourt	23	Edgartown
	Dorothy R. Bradley	22	Oak Bluffs
July	16 Eugene B. Hayden	29	"
	Bessie A. Moody	33	Pawtucket, R. I.
September	3 Patrick J. Falvey	31	Naugatuck, Connecticut
"	Helen M. Falvey	26	Oak Bluffs
"	30 Ralph H. Jencks	21	Tisbury
	Marjorie S. Rodgers	20	Oak Bluffs
October	6 Clair E. Butler	26	Nantucket, Mass.
"	Anna J. Bernard	24	Oak Bluffs
"	13 Mark A. Nickerson	25	New York City
	Edna J. Ricketson	23	Oak Bluffs
November	6 Warren A. Francis	25	Gay Head, Mass.
"	Ethel M. Branch	23	Oak Bluffs
"	12 Celestine P. Oliver	30	Tisbury
	Adelaide E. Vincent	29	Oak Bluffs
December	1 Edward J. Silvia	40	"
"	Isabelle T. Hurley	43	"
"	29 John G. Medeiros	18	"
	Isabelle E. Pachico	16	Tisbury

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE				CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D	H	
January	8					Stillborn
"	21 John C. Hamblin	65	3	25		Chronic Valvular Heart Disease
Prob. Jan.	23 Patrick S. Kelly	35	11	35		Drowning (Accidental)
January	26 George M. Copeland	90	6	13		Acute Pneumonia
"	31 Martha A. Furness	65	1	15		Myocarditis
March	20 Jules S. Olivero	62	10	12		Chronic Bronchitis
April	24 Mary Laird	61	5	27		Cancer of Abdomen
May	2 Edward B. Hanes	71	8	5		Angina Pectoris
"	4 Sarah D. Greene	80	7	23		Pleurisy
"	8 George P. Briggs	80	8	22		Heart Disease
"	19 John G. Comacho	64				Carcinoma of Larynx
"	25 Mary Cochran	34	8	13		Chronic Interstitial Nephritis
"	25 John F. Silva	68	11	16		Heart Disease
"	30 Helen L. Ball	80	5	5		Cerebral Hemorrhage
July	5 David J. Barney	86	9	27		Exhaustion of Vital Forces
"	18 Frank O. Matthews	38	1	29		Acute Interstitial Nephritis
"	19 Florence Starr	6	3	23		Burns (Accidental)
"	21 Annie E. Mayhew	70	7	28		Myocarditis
"	23 John Morris	23				Fracture of Skull
"	29 Samuel McC. Crosby	71	4	1		Carcinoma of Pancreas
August	1 Eugene T. Smith	46	9	19		Heart Disease
"	10 Charles H. Jencks	63	1	28		Muscular Atrophy
"	12 Lillian G. McCausland	46	9	14		Peritonitis
"	19 Isabelle W. Gardner	31	4	20		Carcinoma of Liver
"	20 Henrietta M. Duvall	9	10	17		Acute Myelitis
"	29 Mary R. Amaral	20	2			Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	30 John P. DeCosta	69	5	10		Acute Indigestion
September	8 John Rousos	22				Sudden Congestion of Lungs
"	10 Edward D. Marchant	60	10	25		Chronic Valvular Disease of Heart
"	20 Amy E. Pine	77	2	17		Angina Pectoris
"	21 William Dagnall	73	10	17		Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	29 Mary L. Cleveland	63	7	27		Endocarditis
October	4					Stillborn
"	11 Bertha H. Hutchinson	47	8	1		Cardiac Mital Incompetence
"	19 Melvin L. Welch	1	3	10		Croup
"	25 Henry T. Emmons	45	6	28		Chronic Interstitial Nephritis
"	29 Diana L. Andrews	83		16		Senility
Abt. Nov.	1					Stillborn
November	3 Eleanor B. Norton	37	9	22		Internal Utering Hemorrhage
"	19 William R. Mills	60				Heart Disease
"	25 Elizabeth Norton					5 Congenital Heart Disease
December	18 Maud M. Small	24	9	20		Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	20 Manuel S. Machado	90	5	16		Arterio Sclerosis
"	23					Stillborn
"	23 Morgan D. Packer				17	Premature Birth
"	26 Ralph M. Packer				1	10 Premature Birth

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

The following are the statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths:

Births

Whole number of births,	63
Males,	40
Females,	23

Marriages

Total number of marriages,	11
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Deaths

Total number of deaths,	46
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DOG TAX ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1923

59	Males at \$2.00	\$118.00
11	Spayed Females at 2.00	22.00
15	Females at 5.00	75.00
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85	Total	\$215.00
85	Clerk's fees at 20 cents	17.00
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	Paid County Treasurer	\$198.00

JOHN MILLER,

Town Clerk.

Public Library

To the Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Librarian of Oak Bluffs Public Library from January 1, 1923 to December 31, 1923.

I am pleased to report an increase in circulation during this year. The record shows an output of 10,220 books.

During the spring, the library was thoroughly cleaned out. Miss E. Louise Jones, Field Secretary of the State Library Commission and Mrs. W. J. Arnold, expert cataloguer of the State, inspected the library. Mrs. Arnold remained for a month and catalogued, also putting the library in order in a general way. Following Mrs. Arnold, Miss Tillinghast, the expert mender for the State, came and mended many books. She also gave instructions in the work and the repairing has since been kept up.

Co-operation with the school as well as with the public has been greatly benefitted by these improvements.

A circulating library of 2c. per day on new fiction has been started during November, 1923. This plan is carried on for the purpose of raising more funds to purchase the new books in all departments. It is hoped that in the future these funds will be sufficient to purchase new library furnishings also.

During the year, interest has been shown by the gifts of books, magazines and money.

	Volumes
Arthur Phillips	26
W. A. England	21
Richard Hayden	2

	Volumes.
Miss Emily Worth	12
Frank Baird	1
Mr. Lewis Bartlett	2
Friend	16
Mr. Harold Jordan	10
John Saxon	4
Miss Vivian Silvey	6
Mrs. Agnes Silvia	2
Mr. J. H. Hughes	1
Mr. David McBride	6
Miss Claire McBride	1
Miss Emily Barney	1
Fred Miller	1
Stanley House	1
Mrs. Adalyn Ripley	1
Miss Grace Hamblin	2
Woman's Educational Ass.	22
Frank Swartz	1
Mrs. Hosea Look	3
Mrs. Sadie Pratt	4
Allen Horne	1
Mrs. Mordant Manchester	3
Mrs. E. G. Eldridge	
Woman's Home Companion	
Dr. H. T. Dean	
Youth's Companion	
Mr. A. E. Cox	
Gift of \$10.00	
Mr. L. W. Besse	
Gift of \$50.00	
Prof. L. W. Miller	
Atlantic Monthly	

In accordance with your instructions, the amounts received from cards and fines have been expended for books, supplies and small bills.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts

From cards, fines and other sources	\$270.11
Cash circulating	5.32
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	\$275.43

Payments

68 books purchased	\$108.19
Payments on encyclopedias	29.84
Electric lights	3.85
Supplies and labor	29.97
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1924	103.58
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	\$275.43

In conclusion, I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the fine support received from the Trustees and my pleasure in working with them. Also, I most heartily thank those friends who have helped and rendered favors during the year. In return, it is my pleasure to serve you all to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA F. ESTEY,

Librarian.

E. G. ELDREDGE,

H. A. EDDY,

W. C. RIPLEY,

Library Trustees.

Report of Board of Health

Oak Bluffs, Mass., Jan. 24, 1924.

To the Voters of Oak Bluffs:

I have to report that during the past year that there has been no epidemic of any contagious disease reported. I would respectfully recommend that steps be taken for the establishment of a town dump, that will not necessitate the expenditure of such a sum as is annually necessary to keep the dump usable.

Respectfully presented,

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,

Agent of Board of Health.

Report of Surveyor of Highways

To the Voters of Oak Bluffs:

I would respectfully refer you to the financial report of the Town for a statement of the expenditures of my department. I have tried to carry out the work of the department in a manner acceptable to the town and believe particularly in the matter of dirt roads, that the same are in better condition than for a number of years.

I would recommend the purchase of an outfit for concrete work by the town, that we may proceed to topcoat our avenues, particularly the main highways in a permanent manner.

Yours very respectfully,

ANTONE D. SILVIA,

Surveyor of Highways.

Report of Finance Committee

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

Moderator	\$15.00
Selectmen	600.00
Clerk of Selectmen	150.00
Selectmen expenses	200.00
Auditor	10.00
Expenses	25.00
Treasurer	420.00
Expenses	35.00
Collector of Taxes	470.00
Expenses	75.00
Assessors	450.00
Expenses	300.00
Town Counsel	75.00
Town Clerk	300.00
Expenses and fees	225.00
Board of Registrars	100.00
Expenses	300.00
Sealers of W. & M.	100.00
Expenses	25.00
Tree Warden	25.00
Protection of Persons and Property:	
Police	1,500.00
Expenses	200.00
Night watch	1,460.00
Dog Officer	5.00
Board of Engineers	50.00

Clerk of Engineers	10.00
Chief of Engineers	50.00
Firemen	800.00
Supt. of F. A.	50.00
Care of Batteries	150.00
Steward Steamer H.	35.00
Steward H. H. 1	35.00
Steward H. H. 2	25.00
Steward H. H. 4	25.00
Fuel and Lights	250.00
Contingent expenses	450.00
Two new fire trucks and equipment	1,500.00
Hydrant rental	2,500.00
Three new boxes	300.00
New wire	150.00
Harbor Master	50.00
Expenses	100.00
Moth extermination	600.00
Health and Sanitation:	
Board of Health	75.00
Expenses	250.00
Collection of swill, garbage and rubbish	1,000.00
Care of Dump	300.00
Animal Inspector	50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	75.00
Public sanitararies	500.00
Street cleaning	850.00
Agent of Board of Health	150.00
Highways:	
Bulkheads and bridges	400.00
Repairs to concrete	500.00
Repairs to dirt roads	500.00
Snow	200.00
Cleaning catch basins	300.00
Street lights	7,164.00

Charities :

Support of poor	5,000.00
Soldiers' aid	400.00
Public Library	600.00

Education :

School Committee	150.00
Secretary	50.00
Supt. of Schools	850.00
School expenses	2,300.00
Schools	16,000.00
Physician	100.00
Nurse	540.00
Vocational education	3,250.00

Recreation :

Public parks	600.00
Special parks	3,000.00
Care of cemeteries	500.00

Unclassified :

Printing town reports	250.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Advertising, to be spent by the Board of Trade	500.00
Reserve fund	1,000.00
Special constable for shell fish	50.00
Town debt	6,500.00
Interest	2,000.00

The Finance Committee recommends :

That the sum of \$1,580.50 be appropriated to concrete Kata-ma Avenue from Tuckernuck Avenue to South Circuit Avenue. The abutters agree to pay their proportional part.

That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the purpose of removing from Sunset Lake the eel grass, rubbish and mud. Also that signs be placed on its banks imposing a fine of \$50.00 on any person convicted of throwing rubbish into the lake. (Petition.)

That a sum not to exceed \$1,500.00 be appropriated to build

ninety (90) feet of cement wall and rock riprap to protect cement walk near the Town Pier.

That the sum of \$2,500.00 be appropriated for amusements. (If Article No. 13 is accepted.)

That a regular caretaker be employed for the public comfort stations.

That a hydrant be placed on the corner of Greene and West Avenues.

That the fence and lamp-posts along the cement walk be painted, from the appropriation of bulkheads and bridges.

That the town make a contract with M. J. Keegan to use the Strand Theatre at \$300.00 a year, for two years, with the privilege of extending it for three more years.

That the town appoint a Town Accountant, his salary not to exceed \$1,500.00 a year.

That the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated to put a binder on the road from the Vineyard Haven Bridge to a line near F. W. Smith's house on New York Avenue.

That the town issue bonds for \$16,000.00 for a period of five years to rebuild New York Avenue from a line near F. W. Smith's house to towards Circuit Avenue as far as funds will allow.

That the town issue bonds for \$12,000.00 to build a cement sidewalk on Sea View Avenue connecting with the present sidewalk, and extending to the steamboat landing.

D. J. McBRIDE,

Chairman,

FRANK F. BLANKENSHIP,

Secretary.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Dukes County, ss.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Strand Theatre, in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, the fifth day of February, A. D., 1924, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz.:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named town officers:

A Town Clerk for one year.

Three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor for one year.

An Assessor for three years.

An Assessor for one year.

A Treasurer for one year.

An Auditor for one year.

A Collector of Taxes for one year.

A member of the School Committee for three years.

A member of the Cemetery Committee for three years.

A Surveyor of Highways for one year.

A Park Commissioner for three years.

Two Constables for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

A Night Watchman for one year.

A Chief of Police for one year.

And to vote on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

And the following referendum: "Shall the town vote to have its Selectmen appoint a Board of Assessors?"

And the following referendum: "Shall the town vote to have its Selectmen appoint a Superintendent of Streets?"

The polls for the reception of votes for the aforesaid officers and said questions will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, the sixth day of February, A. D., 1924, and will be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless a later hour be determined upon by the meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, Auditor and other committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and appropriations for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations of the same.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see what action the town will take relative to night watch.

Article 8. To see if the town will fix the time for the payment of all taxes assessed, and will direct what rate of interest shall be demanded in case taxes are not paid at the time specified.

Article 9. To see if the town will direct the Assessors to remit all taxes as cannot in their judgment be collected.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes that a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Article 11. To see if the town will pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 12. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on or after January 1, 1925, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1925, and to issue note or notes therefor, payable within one year; any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1925.

Article 13. To see if the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 145 of the Acts of 1922: An act increasing the amount of money that may be expended by the town for advertising the town, and for public amusements.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant, in accordance with the provisions of Section 55 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, and fix salary for said office. Accountant to act as clerk of all committees.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to concrete Katama avenue, from Tuckernuck avenue to as far as the abutters agree to pay their proportional part.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the purpose of removing from Sunset Lake the rubbish, mud and eel grass which have accumulated there, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 18. To see what action the town will take relative to the adoption of a By-Law requiring all vehicles using a traveled way to keep to the right of all white lines painted or placed on such ways.

Article 19. To see if the town will concrete Spruce avenue from the end of the present concrete to the east line of the land of A. C. Staples, provided the abutters will pay their propor-

tionate part.

Article 20. To see what action the town will take relative to lighting Tuckernuck avenue from Sea View to Naumkeag avenue.

Article 21. To see what action the town will take relative to contracting with M. J. Keegan for the renting of the Strand Theatre for town purposes, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 22. To see what action the town will take relative to rebuilding New York Avenue from the residence of F. W. Smith toward Circuit Avenue, and the issuing of bonds for said work.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to build a cement sidewalk on Sea View Avenue, connecting with the present walk and extending to the Steamboat landing, and to issue bonds for performing the work.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be posted in two public places in the town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant, with your doings to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

NORMAN L. PRATT,

FREDERICK W. SMITH,

Selectmen of Oak Bluffs.

Pursuant to above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in this warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

MANUEL R. SILVIA,

Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 28, 1924.

ANNUAL

SCHOOL REPORT

1923



School Committee's Report

To the Officials and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Your School Committee respectfully report that the schools of your town have improved greatly this year in many ways and pupils and students are making a good showing in their studies. If the parents would see that some time was spent in study at home, it would be an advantage to their children. The discipline in the schools is good and co-operation by the pupils of lower and upper grades tends to advance their scholarship. The Committee, Superintendent, Principal, Teachers and the State Board have worked together for the advancement of the education of our children, to obtain a higher standard of scholarship, and the co-operation of the students in the upper grades and Junior and High School, is bringing about good results. The new vocational course in agriculture, and manual training, is bearing good results, and is liked by the boys, and while they are progressing along these special lines of work, they are learning many practical things by instruction, observation and tests, as well as by their regular school work. Mr. Sharpe, their teacher, is interested in the students under him, and is enthusiastic in his work. An extract from a letter to Superintendent Martin, received from Rufus W. Stimson of the State Board of Education, and Supervisor of this department of school work, follows: "This is to put in writing the statement I have made to you several times, that I hope your agricultural course will be made particularly rich in farm shop work and farm construction and repair work of all kinds. Automotive repair work, it seems to me, is particularly im-

portant." (Here he encloses a copy of the outline of the course given at Northampton.) He continues as follows: "Mr. Morse, our new agent for High Schools, is greatly in favor of manual activities as part of the educational process. We have discussed the Oak Bluffs situation and find that Mr. Small would be agreeable to admitting to your farm shop instruction, all boys who could profit from it. The matter of pro-rating the costs can easily be taken care of, as it is in such schools as the High School of Practical Arts, in Boston. . . ." He closes as follows: "Give Mr. Sharpe everything you can to work with in order that he may establish a thoroughly practical shop, suited to agricultural needs in Oak Bluffs, then get everything you can out of it, which will be for the benefit of your Oak Bluffs' boys, whatever may be their prospective careers. To Supt. Martin, he writes: "For your possible convenience in bringing the foregoing statement to the attention of members of your School Committee and Mr. Sharpe, I am sending Mr. Sharpe a copy of it and am enclosing herewith three copies for the members of the Committee." Thinking you would be pleased to know of the interest being taken in our boys in their school work, by members of the State Board of Education and of the State Agricultural College officials, I have submitted these extracts from Mr. Stimson's letter. It would be encouraging and pleasing to your Committee if parents and friends of the boys would visit their shop and see what they have accomplished and the interest they are taking in this department, during the time allotted them for this line of work in connection with their other studies. In regard to the household arts and vocational work for girls, the report of the teacher, Miss Forbes, is interesting reading. We have regretted that mothers do not avail themselves of a visit to the little cottage to see the girls at their work. A few words of praise for the effort they are making would help teacher and pupils and be an inspiration to them. The boys and girls of today will be the future citizens of our beautiful town; let us try

to do our part in fitting them for the positions they may fill in the years to come. The increased number of pupils in our schools and of those entering each year will soon make our school the largest on the island. The great advance in cost of coal and other supplies for the schools has been a source of anxiety through the year, and in making up the costs for a year to come, it is impossible to foretell what may be required, but you may rest assured that your Committee do all they can to safeguard the interest of our town, consistent with the education of your children. The reports from the Principal, Teachers, County Supervisor of Music, Vocational Instructors and Superintendent accompanies this report.

SCHOOLS

Salary of Committee,	\$150.00
Salary of Secretary,	50.00
Superintendent,	850.00
Physician,	100.00
Nurse,	548.65
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	\$1,698.65
Teachers' salaries,	13,466.70
Janitors' salaries,	968.00
Repairs,	66.46
Janitors' supplies,	226.90
Text books and supplies,	1,347.92
Typewriters,	210.00
Furniture,	21.60
Fuel,	1,436.15
Lighting,	34.25
Transportation,	799.00
Other Expenses:	
Printing, stationery and	
postage,	\$25.45
Telephone,	38.30
Traveling,	51.51
Insurance,	244.35

Freight and express,	12.15	
Water,	20.00	
Field day,	6.00	
Graduation expenses,	21.85	
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		20,695.24

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Teachers' salaries,	\$1,644.05	
Supplies,	387.34	
Light,	15.05	
Fuel,	15.55	
Water,	68.77	
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SCHOOL LAND

Purchase of land,	400.00	
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Total for Education,		\$23,226.00

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN,

MINNIE E. VINCENT,

ETHEL BARNEY,

School Committee.

Note: We have rented the little cottage each year since it was purchased by the town as follows:

1920	\$175.00
1921	187.50
1922	200.00
1923	200.00
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	\$762.50

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Superintendent of Schools. As a part of this report are the reports from Principal, Nurse, Music Supervisor and Vocational Teachers.

FINANCES

The rising cost of living shows itself in school costs as well as in the expenditures of other departments of the town.

It is no doubt true that good schools are worth all they cost. If we wish to maintain our standing as a community, we must give all the children elementary as well as high school pupils the best schooling possible. This means the best and most sanitary buildings—the best books and supplies—trained and experienced teachers—care for health and physical conditions. Our largest expense is salaries and as long as living costs are not reduced and the supply of good teachers not over abundant, salaries cannot be lowered. Possibly it is not known to the public that we received from the state the sum of one hundred to two hundred dollars for each teacher employed—a total of over two thousand dollars this year turned into the Town Treasury.

All of our teachers are graduates of college or normal school except one—and she has attended summer normal courses

ATTENDANCE

The state laws governing school attendance require that:
Every child from seven to fourteen years of age, unless he

is physically or mentally unfit, and until he is sixteen years of age, unless he has completed the sixth grade, shall attend school unless such child has received an employment certificate and is regularly employed according to law for at least six hours a day.

If a child fails to attend school according to law for seven day sessions or fourteen half-day sessions, the child shall be considered an habitual truant and may be sent to a truant school.

If a parent or guardian fails to cause the child under his charge to attend school according to law, he shall be fined not over twenty dollars for each offense.

Nearly all of the parents comply with the above law making our attendance record very good. There are a few parents who need their attention forcibly called to the attendance laws, especially that part which says that the child must attend school all the time school is in session. If the committee decides to hold sessions on Saturdays, the law applies then as well as on any other day of the week.

HEALTH

The most important phase of educational training is health education—to learn how to keep well and also to help safeguard the health of others. In the lower grades, much of this education is learned by observing the rules of the Modern Health Crusades. The money for the purchase of the material used by the crusaders comes from the funds raised by the sale of Christmas seals. Half of the money raised by the sale comes back here to be spent. The Mass. League considers that the training of children in right health habits is one of the best means of the prevention of disease.

If a child early forms correct health habits he will, without doubt, grow up with proper habits of personal hygiene and remain well and reach maturity with a sound and vigorous body.

A UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Without doubt by the time this report is read, a bill which is before the General Court, will become a law. A copy of this bill is printed in this report. I sincerely hope that each town on Martha's Vineyard will take the necessary steps to appoint a committee to make a thorough investigation as provided for in this law. We should know as a result of this investigation whether or not the educational interests of the Island will be benefitted by the establishment of such a school. If the establishment of such a school is desirable, we should lay aside any local or personal feelings we may have in regard to location and work for the building of such a school. Martha's Vineyard cannot afford *not* to provide school opportunities for its children equal to any in the state.

The matter of a union high school has been agitated for some time and several of the towns have been holding off on local building plans till this matter is settled one way or another. So let us give serious thought to this and come to town meeting this year prepared to vote intelligently on the question when it comes up for action.

An Act providing for an Investigation and Report relative to a Union High School for the Towns of Chilmark, Edgartown, Gay Head, Gosnold, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. The towns of Chilmark, Edgartown, Gay Head, Gosnold, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury are each hereby authorized to elect one person for each one thousand inhabitants, or fraction thereof, to serve on a union high school building committee. Upon the election of such a person by any four or more of said towns whose total valuation equals or exceeds three-fourths of the valuation of the county of

Dukes county, said committee shall investigate the desirability and the cost of a union high school for said towns, and report its findings to the several towns. If the establishment of said school is found desirable, said committee shall recommend a site and secure an estimate of the cost of the building and its equipment. Said committee shall serve without pay, but any necessary expenses not exceeding 750 dollars incurred for travel and for preliminary plans and estimates, and for printing and mailing the report provided for in section two, shall be paid by the participating towns in shares proportionate to their state tax, after examination and approval of said accounts by the county commissioners of Dukes county.

Section 2. Said committee shall cause its report and recommendations to be printed and shall mail a copy thereof to every registered voter in each town represented on the committee not later than two weeks prior to its annual meeting for the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation of the spirit of co-operation which has been shown and to extend thanks for the splendid spirit shown by School Committee, teachers and the parents with whom I have had dealings. I feel that the citizens of Oak Bluffs want to have as good schools as the condition of their finances will allow and I also feel that these ends will obtain only by the hearty co-operation of all concerned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MARTIN,

Superintendent.

Principal's Report

January 14, 1924.

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with your request, I submit the following report of the Oak Bluffs schools for the current year.

During the fall term, the daily attendance has been very good as may be seen in the table of Statistics.

The present total enrollment is 261 pupils and as the capacity of the building is only 225 pupils, we are experiencing considerable difficulty in accommodating them. It is necessary to hold three recitations daily in the Principal's Office and to use the office one period as a study room.

When we inaugurated a new course last fall in Vocational Agriculture, it was impossible to house it in the building, and a room in the rear of Nichel's Laundry was hired for the purpose. The room is well adapted for the work but is so far from the school that it makes the passing to and from recitations difficult.

I am very much pleased with the conduct and attitude of the scholars and am sure that if the present standard is maintained, we shall reach a high level of scholarship.

I wish to thank the parents whom I have always found eager and willing to support and aid me; and to express my appreciation of the work of the teachers and the support of the School Committee and the Superintendent.

Respectfully yours,

H. G. JORDAN.

Vocational Instructor's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., Jan. 8, 1924.

Dear Mr. Martin:

It gives me great pleasure to submit herewith a report of the Vocational Department. A regular Vocational Agricultural High School Department has been organized. The work of developing and equipping this department has progressed very satisfactorily.

Early last fall, Hon. Charles L. Gifford rendered us valuable assistance in securing a good supply of Farm Bulletins and Year Books of the Department of Agriculture. Considerable help was rendered by Mr. R. Stimson and Mr. F. E. Heald, both of the State Department of Agriculture. Six students have qualified to take the work.

The students have visited several representative farms, built a three-sash hotbed for spring propagation of early vegetables and have fitted up the new quarters with tables, work benches and shelves. Many useful data have been collected for future reference in vegetable garden work. Plots of ground suitable for carrying out the summer project have been secured and will make possible a very practical course in vegetable gardening.

Another department for the seventh grade boys has proven very popular and is doing good work. There are thirteen boys in this department and each one has caned a chair. We are exceptionally well equipped with tools for wood working. The

students are now at work making plans of articles which they will construct in the shop.

The new quarters are proving very satisfactory and are shared with the senior chemistry and mechanical drawing sections. It is chiefly through the hearty co-operation of our School Committee and the help that you yourself have given that such satisfactory progress has been made.

Very sincerely yours,

CHARLES G. SHARPE,

Vocational Instructor.

Report of Supervisor of Home Economics

Supt. R. W. Martin,

Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my first annual report of the work accomplished and planned for the Home Economics Course.

5th Grade sewing 1 period a week	21 girls
6th Grade sewing 1 period a week	13 girls
7th Grade sewing 1 period a day	11 girls
8th Grade sewing and cooking 2 periods a day	8 girls
High School Juniors sewing and cooking 2 periods a day	8 girls

Total 61 girls

The 5th Grade was too large to handle in one group. It was divided and the girls came on different days. These children are just beginners and are learning the fundamentals of sewing. Their first problem being a bag in which they get most of the different stitches.

The 6th Grade have had one year in sewing. Their problem has been an article of underwear.

The 7th Grade are a very industrious little class. Nearly every girl has finished five articles of underwear during the fall term. Some made articles for Christmas presents. Beginning the last of February, this class will have the funda-

mentals of cookery for the remainder of the year. Their project will be a breakfast.

The 8th Grade have both sewing and cookery. In cookery they have been having the lunch project. The cooking and serving of some dish suitable for a luncheon.

In sewing, these girls have been making articles of underwear. Also some fancy work for Christmas presents.

At Christmas time, this class gave a Christmas party and exhibition to the School Board and their room teachers. They prepared and served a tea for their guests. Later in the evening, they had their Christmas tree. The material used in cookery is furnished by the town. Each girl makes enough to sample.

The Juniors include one Sophomore girl and one Senior. These girls are all over fourteen, so they come under the "Smith Hughs Act." One-half their school day is devoted to Home Economics and related subjects.

Their cookery has been a project in luncheons. During their cooking periods, they prepare dishes suitable for luncheon, and every two weeks the class prepares a luncheon and eats at the cottage during their noon hour. This the girls pay for.

Their sewing has been renovating, needlework and outside garments.

During the fall term, they studied Household Management.

The winter term will be devoted to one class in Dietetics a week. One class in Home Nursing. Sewing two periods and cooking two. The girls will have text books for their cookery. They also have "home project" work. The girls make things at home like those they have made at school. We wish to encourage more of this and ask that the mothers will also encourage more real experience at home. In this way, the work is made practical. This applies to all classes.

The Juniors planned and prepared a buffet luncheon during the fall, for the School Board, Superintendent and Faculty. These girls are very capable and dependable.

During the fall, they had one party during which they played games and served a luncheon which they furnished and prepared themselves.

The "Cooking Club" has just been started. They meet once a week. There are 12 members.

The Home Economics Cottage is a very practical Home Economics Department, because it gives the girls the real experience of a home. The girls keep it clean and take pride in fixing it up.

We would be glad to have more mothers visit us.

Respectfully submitted,

MARJORIE N. FORBES.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Jan. 7, 1924.

Mr. Robert W. Martin,

Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my second annual report of music in the public schools of Oak Bluffs.

The system used in teaching music in the schools continues along the lines as last year. Under the direction of a fine corps of teachers, each grade is making rapid progress.

A public demonstration of music in all the grades has been planned and it is hoped that all parents, who are cordially invited, will feel it their duty to attend, thus enabling them to know just what their child is doing in music. An orchestra chosen from the first and second grades will be one of the main features to show their study of rhythm.

It would be greatly appreciated if parents would visit the schools more frequently and listen to the singing of their children. I feel sure this would be an encouragement to both teachers and pupils.

I take this opportunity to thank the Committee, Superintendent and Teachers for their hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA E. RIDLON,

Supervisor of Music.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Robert W. Martin,

Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

The following report covers the period from Dec. 31, 1922 to Dec. 31, 1923.

Besides school visits, I have made 36 home visits and 40 telephone visits.

Children in all grades have been given individual inspection by Dr. Worth, the school physician.

The eye and ear tests required by the state have been completed.

By the hearty co-operation of the teachers, we have been able to put over a much more beneficial health program throughout the year than could otherwise have been accomplished.

Special attention has been given the following:

1. Cleanliness of head and body.
2. Care of teeth.
3. Tonsils and adenoids.
4. Eyes and ears.
5. Skin eruption.
6. Under weight.
7. Proper diet.
8. Vaccination.

One hundred seventeen pupils availed themselves of the opportunity afforded by the Red Cross assisted by the parents

in contributing to the fund, which enabled us to provide milk and crackers once daily from January to May. All children (with one exception) taking milk regularly gained.

Home hygiene classes were conducted in the 7th and 8th Grades and in the High School.

Seventy minor skin abrasions not requiring the attention of a physician had dressings applied in school.

I hope every mother feels that I have a personal interest in the health of her child and will be pleased to consult with her at any time when deemed advisable by her.

I desire at this time to thank all who have so willingly co-operated with me in this work, for "A healthy child is a wealthy child."

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE LANDERS,

School Nurse.

Statistics

TABLE OF STATISTICS, 1922-1923

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Anna E. Crosby	47	34.41	84+
2	Grace P. Smith	42	26.49	91
3	Eleanor M. Ripley	39	26.72	94
4	Laura C. Siecke	43	35.09	93
5	Mary E. Place	33	23.25	89+
6	Mildred E. Bunker	24	18.79	89+
7		26	19.83	94
8		23	18.00	89+
High		42	36.35	95

Teachers, 7-12 inclusive

Harold M. Ladd, Principal

H. Gilbert Jordan

Mildred Bacon

Isabella V. Michelman X

Mary M. Connor

Mildred Russell

Supervisor of Music

Flora E. Ridlon

School Nurse

Irene V. Landers

TABLE OF STATISTICS, DECEMBER, 1923

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Margaret L. Quinn	28	26.36	94
2	Grace P. Smith	31	28.72	93
3	Marguerite Simpson	31	27.69	90
4	Isabel A. Scott	25	23.52	93
5	Mary E. Place	32	29.69	93
6	Mildred E. Bunker	24	21.11	88
7 & 8		42	36.69	89
High		49	43.55	90
Teachers, 7-12 inclusive				
	H. Gilbert Jordan, Principal			
	Assistants:			
	Helen J. Aston			
	Letha N. Hurd			
	Howard F. Barrows			
	Mary M. Connor			
Home Economics				
	Marjorie N. Forbes			
Vocational Agriculture				
	Charles G. Sharpe			
Supervisor of Music				
	Flora E. Ridlon			
School Nurse				
	Irene V. Landers			

School Calendar, 1924=1925

Winter Term: Jan. 2 to Mar. 28, 1924.

Spring Term: April 7 to June 13, 1924.

Fall Term: Sept. 8 to Dec. 19, 1924.

Winter Term: Dec. 29, 1924 to April 13, 1925.

Spring Term: April 23 to June 19, 1925.

This calendar subject to change by vote of the School Committee.

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Town Officers, 1924

TOWN CLERK

JOHN MILLER

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

DAVID HEATLEY

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN

NORMAN L. PRATT

ASSESSORS

JESSE STEERE

LEWIS BARTLETT

WILLIAM A. COLBY

TREASURER

WALTER C. RIPLEY

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

EDWIN R. FRASIER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINNIE VINCENT

ETHEL L. BARNEY

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN

BOARD OF HEALTH

DAVID HEATLEY

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN

NORMAN L. PRATT

PARK COMMISSIONERS
 THOMAS A. McGRATH
 WALTER L. BESSE
 JOHN H. HUGHES

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS
 EMERY N. NOYES
 PERCY H. HOUSE
 JOHN D. BAIRD

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS
 ROY A. BUNKER

CHIEF OF POLICE
 WALTER W. GILKES

NIGHT WATCH
 HARRY T. WEBB

CONSTABLES
 HARRY T. WEBB
 MANUEL R. SILVIA

TREE WARDEN
 GEORGE FRYE

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK
 HERBERT A. EDDY
 PETER J. TAEGER

FENCE VIEWERS
 JOHN W. McGRATH
 MANUEL S. DEBETTENCOURT

POUND KEEPER
 WALTER W. GILKES

FIELD DRIVERS
 HARRY T. WEBB
 MANUEL R. SILVIA

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
PERCY E. NOYES

SPECIAL PARK COMMISSIONERS
LYMAN W. BESSE
ALFRED E. COX
EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS
JOHN B. BILLINGS
ANTONE P. MEDEIROS
FREDERICK W. SMITH

FINANCE COMMITTEES

1922

HOSEA S. LOOK
CLARENCE P. HAYDEN
FRANK F. BLANKENSHIP
PETER J. TAEGER
REUBEN PHILLIPS

1923

JOHN H. HUGHES
EBEN D. BODFISH
JOSEPH S. PENNEY
FRANK P. BUNKER
EDWIN R. FRASIER

1924

CARROL J. DARLING
JOHN B. BILLINGS
OSGOOD N. MAYHEW
WILLIAM C. MACNEILL
SUSAN J. CHASE

Valuation April 1, 1924

Total value of property and real estate	\$3,551,959.00
Total property tax	92,350.93
Tax on 420 polls	840.00
Total tax	93,190.93
County tax	7,192.36
State tax	4,700.00
State auditing tax	639.44
State highway	289.79
Town tax assessed	76,617.38
Overlay	2,911.96
420 polls at \$2.00 each	840.00
Total	<hr/> \$93,190.93

The following items were taken from the assessors books for 1924.

Number of resident tax payers	568
Number of non-resident tax payers	1,004
Number of polls	426
Number of cows	141
Number of horses	57
Number of sheep	75
Number of swine	52
Number of fowl	1,056
Number of dwellings	1,281
Number of acres of land	3,423

EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Baptist church and land	\$3,500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association and land	2,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land	3,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, church and land (new)	25,000.00
Episcopal Society, church and land	3,500.00
M. P. Campmeeting Association, church, tabernacle and land	10,500.00
Union Chapel Christian Association, Chapel and land	6,000.00
Bradley Memorial church and land	500.00
African M. E. church and land	500.00
Martha's Vineyard Hospital	6,700.00
Fall River Deaconess Home, Inc.	1,000.00
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	\$63,200.00

Receipts

TAXES

Levy of 1923	\$13,211.20
Levy of 1924	74,838.04
Corporation	956.33
Income Tax	5,134.23
National Bank	16.37
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	\$94,156.17

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Itinerant Vendors	\$325.00
Dance	18.00
Sunday	45.00
Inn holders	54.00
Common Victuallers	24.00
Carriage	56.00
Baggage	5.00
Shooting Gallery	5.00
Pool and Billiards	8.00
Auctioneers	6.00
Second hand Dealers	10.00
Junk	25.00
Checking	10.00
Theatre	60.00
Eel Pot	2.00
Shell fish	18.00
Dance Hall	50.00
Bowling Alley	16.00
Auto Dealer	20.00
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	\$757.00

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fees		\$348.24
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GRANTS AND GIFTS

From the State		
School Superintendent	483.33	
Americanization	64.32	
Vocational schools	506.09	
	<hr/>	\$1,053.74
From the County		
Dog Fund		146.94
	<hr/>	\$1,200.68

DEPARTMENTAL

Town Clerks fees, etc.	\$127.95
Collectors' Costs	93.50
Fire	22.00
Moth	30.25
Sealers fees—1922, 1923, 1924	84.29
Sealer State Division of Standards	24.00
Tuberculosis—State	139.29
Highway—Construction Assessments	512.00
Charity—Reimbursements	27.96
State Aid	288.00
School rents	213.75
Library fines and fees	364.07
Damage to fence	9.06
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	\$1,936.12

INTEREST

On taxes	\$49.40
On deposits	79.36
Clark Poor funds	56.59
Norton Poor funds	43.09
Barbey Poor funds	235.67
Cemetery Perpetual Care funds	78.64
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	\$542.75

INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	\$50,000.00	
Sea View Ave. Construction Loan	11,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$61,000.00

TRUST

Cemetery Perpetual Care fund		\$150.00
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REFUNDS

From State		
Civilian War Polls	\$132.00	
Surplus War Bonus	691.04	
	<hr/>	\$823.04
Collector		25.47
Treasurer		11.45
School		24.41
Poor		22.00
Tax Titles		14.08
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		\$920.45
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Total Receipts		\$161,011.41
Cash Balance		1,475.85
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Grand Total		\$162,487.26

Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE

Salary of Moderator		\$15.00
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SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries of Selectmen		\$600.00
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Other Expenses:

Janitor	\$50.00	
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Fuel	37.25	
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Water	9.00	
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Transportation	10.00	
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Supplies	75.17	
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Telephone	7.05	
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	\$188.47	
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		\$788.47
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TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Town Accountant	\$1,375.00	
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Expenses	4.50	
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		\$1,379.50
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AUDITOR'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Auditor	\$10.00	
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Expenses	25.00	
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		\$35.00
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TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Treasurer,

1923 Account	\$33.94	
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1924 Account	400.00	
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	\$433.94	
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Expenses:

Surety bond	\$25.00	
Certifying notes	36.00	
Printing, postage, etc.	28.69	
	<hr/>	\$89.69
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		\$523.63

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Collector		\$900.00	
Other Expenses:			
Surety bond	\$40.00		
Making deeds	112.00		
Registering deeds	48.80		
Advertising	44.50		
Printing and postage	75.61		
	<hr/>	\$320.91	
		<hr/>	\$1,220.91

ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Assessors		\$450.00	
Other Expenses:			
Abstracts	\$68.28		
Auto hire	33.00		
Miscellaneous expenses	196.28		
	<hr/>	\$297.56	
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LAW DEPARTMENT

Salary of town counsel		\$75.00
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TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Other expenses,

Surety bond	\$4.00
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Vital Statistics	109.33		
Printing and Postage	81.60		
	<hr/>	\$194.93	
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ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Salaries,			
Registrars	\$100.00		
Election Officers	178.00		
	<hr/>	\$278.00	
Other Expenses,			
Posting notices	12.50		
Printing and postage	114.14		
	<hr/>	\$126.65	
		<hr/>	\$404.65

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENT

Other Expenses,			
Repairs to Town Hall		\$49.62	
Rent of Strand Theater for town meeting	300.00		
	<hr/>		\$349.62

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and wages,			
Night watch	\$1,484.00		
Day men	1,501.00		
	<hr/>	\$2,985.00	
Other Expenses,			
Rent and light	\$72.33		
Court fees	42.70		

Auto hire	10.00		
Telephone	21.30		
Supplies	52.45		
	<hr/>	\$198.78	
		<hr/>	\$3,183.78

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages,			
Board of Engineers	\$50.00		
Chief	50.00		
Clerk	10.00		
Firemen	875.76		
Supt. of Fire Alarm	62.50		
Stewards	132.50		
	<hr/>	\$1,180.76	

Other Expenses,			
Care of batteries	\$148.06		
Fuel and Light	217.42		
Water	53.00		
Repairs and supplies	389.09		
Hydrant rental	2,450.00		
New wire	197.51		
New boxes	286.45		
New trucks	1,500.94		
	<hr/>	\$5,242.47	
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MOTH EXTERMINATION

Labor and expense		\$256.65
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TREE WARDEN

Salary of Tree Warden		\$34.50
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SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary of Sealer	\$200.00		
Other Expenses	25.84		
	<hr/>		\$225.84

DOG OFFICER

Salary	\$5.00
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HARBOR MASTER

Salary	\$50.00
Other Expenses	100.00
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	\$150.00

SHELLFISH CONSTABLE

Salary	\$50.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salaries,		
Board of Health	\$75.00	
Agent	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$225.00
Other Expenses,		
Tuberculosis Hospital	\$717.42	
General Hospital	86.75	
Supplies	192.82	
	<hr/>	\$996.99
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INSPECTION OF ANIMALS

Salary	\$50.00
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INSPECTION OF SLAUGHTERING

Salary	\$75.00
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REMOVAL OF SWILL AND GARBAGE

Labor	\$1,083.80
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CARE OF DUMP

Labor		\$319.24
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STREET CLEANING

Labor	\$830.00	
Supplies	7.94	
	<hr/>	\$837.94

CLEANING CATCH BASINS

Labor	\$258.30	
Supplies	40.00	
	<hr/>	\$298.30

PUBLIC SANITARIES

Labor	\$130.67	
Rent	100.00	
Water	59.00	
Supplies	170.93	
	<hr/>	\$460.60

HIGHWAYS

REPAIRS TO DIRT ROADS

Labor and teams	\$447.00	
Ashes	22.25	
	<hr/>	\$469.25

REPAIRS TO CONCRETE ROADS

Labor	\$473.75	
Tar	50.30	
Supplies	3.92	
	<hr/>	\$527.97

BULKHEADS AND BRIDGES

Repairs	\$320.41	
Painting	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$395.41

SNOW REMOVAL

Labor		\$1.00
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CONCRETING KATAMA AVENUE

Labor	\$1,046.85	
Tar	125.00	
Supplies	28.40	
	<hr/>	\$1,200.25

OILING LAGOON ROAD

Labor	\$543.77	
Oil	450.08	
Supplies	3.55	
	<hr/>	\$997.40

CEMENT WALL AT TOWN PIER

Labor	\$1,122.48	
Cement	225.00	
Supplies	42.90	
	<hr/>	\$1,390.38

STREET LIGHTS

Contract	\$6,735.38	
Painting	20.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,755.38

STATE HIGHWAY TAX

Commonwealth of Massachusetts		\$289.79
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STREET SIGNS

Signs		\$52.42
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SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, SEA VIEW AVE.

Contract	\$11,829.92	
Searching Title	26.39	
Advertising	4.50	
	<hr/>	\$11,860.81

CHARITIES

SUPPORT OF POOR

Cash Aid	\$5,375.75	
Mothers' Aid	1,164.00	
Medical Attendance	384.50	
Clothing	52.05	
Fuel	297.99	
Water	16.00	
Rent	110.00	
Transportation	46.00	
Burials	70.00	
Groceries	120.43	
Plumbing	30.20	
Board and Care	297.53	
Penalty—Failure to make return	11.00	
Legal Fees	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,985.45

SOLDIER'S BENEFITS

State Aid	\$280.00	
Soldiers' Relief	52.00	
	<hr/>	\$332.00

EDUCATION

SCHOOLS

Salary of Committee	150.00	
Salary of Secretary	50.00	
Superintendent	840.00	
Teachers	13,459.00	
Physician	100.00	
Nurse	548.20	
Janitors	986.00	
	<hr/>	\$16,133.20

Other Expenses,

School Survey	\$85.50
Janitors' supplies	77.43
Printing and postage	26.50
Repairs	445.28
Travel	54.67
Lighting	11.30
Transportation	837.00
Fuel	598.98
Telephone	33.37
Insurance	106.53
Text books and supplies	1,385.44
Graduation	31.03
Water	20.00

\$3,713.13

\$19,846.23

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

Salaries	\$2,645.50
Fuel	174.83
Rent	120.00
Light	26.86
Water	27.00
Supplies	361.60

\$3,355.79

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Salary of Librarian	\$347.50
Janitor	117.00
Light	20.83
Fuel	22.25
Water	10.00
Rent	180.00
Insurance	18.80
Magazines	278.66

Repairing books	15.00	
Supplies	5.06	
Repairs	17.64	
	<hr/>	\$10,328.84

RECREATION

PUBLIC PARKS

Labor and teams	\$409.88	
Water	18.00	
Supplies	27.60	
Painting	7.25	
	<hr/>	\$462.73

CLEANING SUNSET LAKE

Labor and teams	\$485.38
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AMUSEMENTS

Amusements:	\$2,500.00
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SPECIAL PARKS

Labor and teams	\$2,137.00	
Plants and shrubs	728.35	
Water	101.95	
	<hr/>	\$2,967.30

UNCLASSIFIED

Damages to person and personal property	\$1,225.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Printing Town Reports	242.50
Advertising:	
Board of Trade	\$500.00
Committee on Street Lights	200.10
Unlocated payment of prior years	7.57
Painting Soldiers' Monument	8.00

CEMETERIES

Labor	\$824.61	
Water	749.13	
Advertising	3.00	
Supplies	35.54	
	<hr/>	\$1,612.28

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

Other enterprises:

Labor on Town Pier	\$10.67
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INTEREST

Interest on temporary loans	\$945.44	
Interest on town debt	555.65	
	<hr/>	\$1,501.09

TOWN DEBT

Revenue Loans	\$50,000.00	
General Loans	6,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$56,000.00

AGENCY

State Tax	\$4,700.00	
County Tax	7,192.36	
Auditing	639.44	
Soldiers' Exemptions	14.88	
	<hr/>	\$12,546.68

TRUST

Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests	\$250.00
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REFUNDS

Taxes	\$249.87	
Licenses	15.00	
Badges	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$268.87

TRANSFERS

Tax Titles	\$12.58
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Total payments	\$157,753.26
Cash balance Dec. 31, 1924	4,734.00
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Grand Total	\$162,487.26

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1924

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:

In bank	\$108.24	
In office	4,570.08	
Cash discrepancy	55.67	
	<hr/>	\$4,734.00

Accounts Receivable:

E. H. Matthews, Collector:

Levy of 1921	\$79.35	
Levy of 1922	231.98	
	<hr/>	\$311.33

E. R. Frasier, Collector:

Levy of 1922	\$38.75	
Levy of 1923	729.80	
Levy of 1924	16,864.25	
	<hr/>	\$17,632.80

\$17,944.13

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—

State Aid \$280.00

Tax titles held by town 1,449.26

Overdrafts (to be appropriated):

Overlay 1923	\$681.50	
Appropriations	5,677.65	
	<hr/>	\$6,359.15

\$30,766.54

Liabilities

Appropriation balances:

Spruce Avenue Concrete	\$200.00	
Sea View Avenue Construction	165.58	
Town Debt	6,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,865.58
Overlay 1924		750.45
Tax titles revenue		1,449.26
Departmental revenue		280.00
Surplus War Bonus		691.04
Excess and Deficiency (Surplus)		20,730.21
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		\$30,766.54

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Assets

Trust Funds:

Cash and Securities	\$19,414.96
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	\$19,414.96

Liabilities

Barbey School Fund	\$9,670.44
Barbey Poor Fund	5,179.33
Norton Poor Fund	947.17
Clark Poor Fund	1,244.70
Smith-Hughes Fund	191.79
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	2,181.53
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	\$19,414.96

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Assets

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$16,000.00
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	\$16,000.00

Liabilities

New York Avenue Loan (Street)	\$2,000.00
Sea View Avenue Loan (Street)	11,000.00
Sidewalk Loan	2,000.00
Park Loan	1,000.00
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	\$16,000.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Appropriations Transfer

General Government

Moderator, Salary	\$15.00	
Selectmen's Salaries	600.00	
Selectmen's Expenses	200.00	10.00
Auditor, Salary	10.00	
Auditor, Expenses	25.00	
Accountant, Salary	1,500.00	
Accountants, Expenses	.....	4.50
Treasurer, Salary	420.00	
Treasurer, Expenses	35.00	33.94
Collector, Salary and bond	900.00	
Collector, Expenses	75.00	
Assessors' Salaries	450.00	
Assessors' Expenses	300.00	
Town Counsel, Salary	75.00	
Town Clerk's Fees and Expenses	225.00	
Board of Registrars, Salaries	100.00	
Board of Registrars, Expenses	300.00	
Town Hall Repairs	.....	49.62
Rental Strand Theatre	300.00	

Protection to Persons and Property

Police Salaries	1,500.00	
Night Watch	1,460.00	
Special Constable—Shell fish	50.00	
Police Expenses	200.00	26.20
Dog Officer	5.00	
Fire Engineer's Salary	50.00	
Fire Clerk's Salary	10.00	
Fire Chief's Salary	50.00	
Firemen's Salaries	800.00	
Supt. of Wires	50.00	
Care of Batteries	150.00	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balances	Overdrafts
.....	\$15.00	\$15.00	.....	.....
.....	600.00	600.00	.....	.....
.....	210.00	188.47	21.53	.....
.....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....
.....	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
.....	1,500.00	1,375.00	125.00	.....
.....	4.50	4.50	.....	.....
.....	420.00	425.00	.....	5.00
.....	68.94	98.63	.....	29.69
.....	900.00	940.00	.....	40.00
.....	75.00	280.91	.....	205.91
.....	4.50	4.50	.....	.....
.....	300.00	297.56	2.44	.....
.....	75.00	75.00	.....	.....
.....	225.00	194.93	30.07	.....
.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
.....	300.00	304.65	.....	4.65
.....	49.62	49.62	.....	.....
.....	300.00	300.00	.....	.....
.....	1,500.00	1,501.00	.....	1.00
.....	1,460.00	1,484.00	.....	24.00
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	226.20	198.78	27.42	.....
.....	5.00	5.00	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	10.00	10.00	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	800.00	875.76	.....	75.76
.....	50.00	62.50	.....	12.50
.....	150.00	148.06	1.94	.....

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Transfer
Steward Steamer House	35.00	
Steward, Hose 1	35.00	
Steward, Hose 2	25.00	
Steward, Hose 3	12.50	
Steward, Hose 4	25.00	
Fuel and Light	250.00	
Contingent Fund	450.00	
Two New Trucks and Equip.	1,500.00	
Hydrant Rental	2,500.00	
Three New Boxes	300.00	
New Wire	150.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary	175.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses	25.00	
Tree Warden Expenses	25.00	
Harbor Master, Salary	50.00	
Harbor Master, Expenditures	100.00	
Moth Extermination	600.00	
Health and Sanitation		
Board of Health, Salaries	75.00	
Board of Health, Expenses	75.00	
Collection of Offal	1,000.00	
Care of Dump	300.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary	50.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering	75.00	
Public Sanitaries	500.00	
Street Cleaning	850.00	
Cleaning Catch Basins	300.00	
Agent of Board of Health, Salary	150.00	
Highways		
Bulkheads and Bridges	400.00	
Repairs to Dirt Roads	500.00	
Repairs to Concrete Roads	500.00	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balances	Overdrafts
.....	35.00	35.00	.....	.....
.....	35.00	35.00	.....	.....
.....	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
.....	12.50	12.50	.....	.....
.....	25.00	25.00	.....	.....
.....	250.00	217.42	32.58	.....
.....	450.00	442.09	7.91	.....
.....	1,500.00	1,500.94	.....	.94
.....	2,500.00	2,450.00	50.00	.....
.....	300.00	286.45	13.55	.....
.....	150.00	197.51	.....	47.51
.....	175.00	200.00	.....	25.00
.....	25.00	25.84	.....	.84
.....	25.00	34.50	.....	9.50
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
.....	600.00	256.65	343.35	.....
.....	75.00	75.00	.....	.....
.....	750.00	996.99	.....	246.99
.....	1,000.00	1,083.80	.....	83.80
.....	300.00	319.24	.....	19.24
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	75.00	75.00	.....	.....
.....	500.00	460.60	39.40	.....
.....	850.00	837.94	12.06	.....
.....	300.00	298.30	1.70	.....
.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....
.....	400.00	395.41	4.59	.....
.....	500.00	469.25	30.75	.....
.....	500.00	527.97	.....	27.97

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Transfer
Superintendent, Salary	850.00	
Expenses	2,300.00	
Transportation	1,600.00	
Physician	100.00	
Nurse	540.00	
School Survey	.....	85.50
Vocational Education	3,250.00	
Public Library	050.00	
Recreation		
Public Parks	600.00	
Cleaning Sunset Lake	500.00	
Special Parks	3,000.00	
Amusements	4,500.00	
Unclassified		
Advertising	500.00	
Painting Soldiers' Monument	.....	8.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
Snow Removal	200.00	
Street Signs	.....	52.42
Committee on Street Lights	200.00	
Street Lights	7,164.00	
Oiling Roads	1,000.00	
Katama Ave. Concrete	1,580.50	
Spruce Ave. Concrete	200.00	
Building Sea Wall	1,500.00	
Sea View Ave. Sidewalk, Constr.	12,000.00	26.39
Charities		
Support of Poor	5,000.00	10.00
Soldiers' Benefits	400.00	
Education		
Schools—Committee Salaries	150.00	
Secretary, Salary	50.00	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balances	Overdrafts
.....	200.00	1.00	199.00	.....
.....	52.42	52.42	.....	.....
.....	200.00	200.10	.....	10
.....	7,164.00	6,755.38	408.62	.....
.....	1,000.00	997.40	2.60	.....
.....	1,580.50	1,200.25	380.25	.....
.....	200.00	.....	200.00	.....
.....	1,500.00	1,390.38	109.62	.....
.....	12,026.39	11,860.81	165.58	.....
.....	5,010.00	7,085.45	.....	2,975.45
.....	400.00	332.00	68.00	.....
.....	150.00	150.00	.....	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	850.00	840.00	10.00	.....
.....	2,300.00	2,684.00	.....	384.00
.....	16,000.00	15,282.00	718.00	.....
.....	100.00	100.00	.....	.....
.....	540.00	548.20	.....	8.20
.....	85.50	85.50	.....	.....
.....	3,250.00	3,462.32	.....	212.32
.....	1,050.00	1,032.84	17.16	.....
.....	600.00	462.73	137.27	.....
.....	500.00	485.38	14.62	.....
.....	3,000.00	2,967.30	32.70	.....
.....	2,500.00	2,500.00	.....	.....
.....	500.00	500.00	.....	.....
.....	8.00	8.00	.....	.....
.....	1,000.00 *	538.11	461.89	.....

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Appropriations	Transfer
Damage Claims	.....
Printing Town Reports	250.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
Unlocated payments, Prior Years	.....	7.57
Other Enterprises—Labor on Town Pier	.....	10.67
Cemeteries		
Care of Cemeteries	1,600.00	
Interest		
Interest	2,500.00	
Town Debt		
Temporary Loans	.....
General Loans	12,500.00	
Agency		
State Tax	4,700.00	
State Highway Repairs	289.79	
Auditing Municipal Accounts	639.44	
County Tax	7,192.36	
Soldiers' Exemptions	.....	14.88
Trust		
Cemetery Perpetual Care	.....
Refunds and Transfers		
Refunds Prior years Taxes	.....
Refunds, 1924 Taxes	.....
Licenses	.....	19.00
Tax Titles	.....
Total	112,918.59	358.69

* Transferred to sundry accounts.

* Includes \$100.00 cash on hand.

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Total	Expenditures	Balances	Overdrafts
.....	.....	1,225.00	.....	1,225.00
.....	250.00	242.50	7.50	.....
.....	50.00	50.00	.....	.....
.....	7.57	7.57	.....	.....
.....	10.67	10.67	.....	.....
.....	1,600.00	1,612.28	.....	12.28
.....	2,500.00	1,501.09	998.91	.....
50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	.....	.....
.....	12,500.00	6,000.00	6,500.00	.....
.....	4,700.00	4,700.00	.....	.....
.....	289.79	289.79	.....	.....
.....	639.44	639.44	.....	.....
.....	7,192.36	7,192.36	.....	.....
.....	14.88	14.88	.....	.....
‡ 250.00	250.00	250.00	.....	.....
236.87	236.87	236.87	.....	.....
13.00	13.00	13.00	.....	.....
.....	19.00	19.00	.....	.....
12.58	12.58	12.58	.....	.....
<hr/> 50,512.45	<hr/> 163,789.73	<hr/> 158,291.37	<hr/> 11,176.01	<hr/> 5,677.65

Selectmen's Report

Office of the Selectmen,

January 22, 1925

The Board of Selectmen respectfully present the report of Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts as the report of their department and of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID HEATLY,

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,

NORMAN L. PRATT,

Selectmen.

Auditor's Report

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

From January 1, to December 31, 1924

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of Section 35,
Chapter 44, General Laws

State House, Boston

January 16, 1925

To the Board of Selectmen,

Mr. David Heatley, Chairman,

Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1924, made in accordance with the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief of the work.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

TNW/JMC

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,

Director of Accounts,

Department of Corporations and Taxation,

State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1924, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked for the period covered by the audit.

The treasurer's cash book was added and checked with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing them.

The cash on hand December 31, 1924 was verified by an actual count and the bank balance was determined by listing the outstanding checks and deducting the amount of such checks from the balance in the bank as shown by the statement furnished by the Martha's Vineyard National Bank. The total of the cash on hand and in the bank was found to be \$55.67 less than the amount called for by the cash book. The treasurer's bank account had not been reconciled with the bank statements since the previous audit, and it was therefore necessary to check in detail all transactions with the bank for the entire year, it being found that a receipt of \$11.50 from the town clerk in May, 1924 had not been deposited in the bank, and that the superintendent of schools had been overpaid

\$42 50 in January, 1924, leaving an unlocated discrepancy of \$1.67.

The treasurer should reconcile the bank account with the statement furnished by the bank at the close of each month's business, and should also prove the cash balance as called for by the cash book.

Appended to this report is a table showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash.

The accounts of the collectors of taxes for the years 1921 and 1922 were examined. The outstanding taxes of these levies are the same as on December 31, 1923, and some definite action should therefore be taken against the collectors' bonds.

The accounts of the collector of taxes for the years 1923 and 1924 were examined and checked in detail. The commitment books were footed and reconciled, the recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer's books, and the abatements were checked to the records of the assessors and found to be correct.

The outstanding tax accounts were listed and proved, being further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. From the replies received I am satisfied that the outstanding accounts as listed are correct.

Appended to this report are tables showing the summaries of the tax accounts.

More care should be taken by the assessors in committing taxes to the collector, as in every levy there is a considerable difference between the commitments and the warrants; also, the assessors should furnish the collector with more detailed mailing information, so that the collector may get his tax bills out promptly.

The appropriation accounts kept by the town accountant were checked with the town clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town, and the recorded charges against them

were checked with the original bills and records of payments by the treasurer.

The accounts were adjusted and statements were prepared for the annual report showing the receipts and disbursements in classified form. A balance sheet was also prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1924, and is appended to this report.

The town clerk's records of licenses issued for dogs and for hunting and fishing were examined, and payments to the State and the county treasurers were verified.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked, the receipts of 1924, together with those of 1922 and 1923, being compared with the payments to the treasurer.

The records of the librarian relative to receipts for fines, circulating fees, etc., were examined, and the payments to the treasurer were compared with the entries on the treasurer's books.

The surety bonds given by the treasurer, the collector and the town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and found to be as shown by the treasurer's accounts.

Tables showing the condition of the several funds are appended to this report.

The records of licenses issued by the selectmen were examined and the receipts compared with the payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer's cash book.

In checking the appropriation accounts it was found that a number of accounts had been overdrawn, and I wish again to call attention to Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two thirds of the selectmen.

I wish also to call attention to Chapter 253, Acts of 1922, which is as follows:

Chapter forty-four of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:—Section 62. Any city, town or district officer who knowingly violates, or authorizes or directs any official or employee to violate, any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars; and the mayor, selectmen, prudential committee, or commissioners, shall, and five taxpayers may, report such violation to the district attorney who shall investigate and prosecute the same.

At the last annual town meeting the town voted to adopt the town accountant statute, and Mr. John Miller was appointed town accountant. The accounting system which was installed in 1914 will be re-established within a short time, and with the accounts kept up to date, as I believe they will be, the difficulties experienced in auditing the accounts will be eliminated in the future.

For the hearty co-operation and the courtesies extended by the several town officials while engaged on the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

EHF/JMC

Chief Examiner.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash balance January 1, 1924	\$1,475.85	
Receipts per treasurer's cash book	161,011.41	
	<hr/>	\$162,487.26
Payments per treasurer's cash book	\$157,753.26	
Cash balance December 31, 1924	4,734.00	
	<hr/>	\$162,487.26
Cash in office per count	\$4,570.08	
Bank balance	108.25	
Cash variations:		
Overpaid superintendent of schools	\$42.50	
Payment by town clerk, fees not deposited	11.50	
Unlocated difference	1.67	
	<hr/>	\$55.67
	<hr/>	\$4,734.00
Cash book balance		\$4,734.00
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Bank balance Vineyard Haven National Bank per statement December 30, 1924	\$10,139.40	
Deposits December 31, 1924 to January 2, 1925	4,260.66	
	<hr/>	\$14,400.06
Checks outstanding per list	\$14,291.81	
Bank balance December 31, 1924	108.25	
	<hr/>	\$14,400.06

TAXES--1921

E. H. Mathews, Collector

Due from collector January 1, 1924	\$79.35
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Due from collector December 31, 1924	\$79.35
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TAXES—1922

E. H. Mathews, Collector

Due from collector January 1, 1924	\$231.98
Due from collector December 31, 1924	\$231.98

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$38.75
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	\$38.75

TAXES—1923

Outstanding January 1, 1924	\$14,687.75	
Paid and abated	48.00	
Additional commitment	78.00	
	<hr/>	\$14,813.75

Payments to treasurer:

January 1 to December 31, 1924	\$13,211.20	
Abatements	723.50	
Tax titles held by town	149.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	711.75	
Due from collector	18.05	
	<hr/>	\$14,813.75

TAXES—1924

Commitment per warrant	\$93,190.93	
Commitment December	316.94	
Commitment list in excess of warrant	355.93	
Over-collection	3.00	
Over-payment to treasurer	.48	
	<hr/>	\$93,867.28

Payments to treasurer	\$74,838.04	
Abatements	2,161.51	
Outstanding December 31, 1924, per list	16,867.73	
	<hr/>	\$93,867.28

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Cash on hand January 1, 1924	\$103.58	
Receipts:		
Fines and cards	156.98	
Donation	5.00	
Circulation fees	103.00	
	<hr/>	\$368.56
Expenditures:		
Payments to treasurer	\$364.07	
Cash on hand December 31, 1924	4.49	
	<hr/>	\$368.56

ANNA K. BARBEY SCHOOL FUND

		Savings Bank	
		Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$9,464.03	\$9,464.03
On hand at end of year		9,670.44	9,670.44
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$206.41	Deposited in bank	\$206.41
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Total	\$206.41	Total	\$206.41

ANNA K. BARBEY POOR FUND

		Savings Bank	
		Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$5,179.33	\$5,179.33
On hand at end of year		5,179.33	5,179.33
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$235.67	Paid town treasurer for poor	\$235.67
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Total	\$235.67	Total	\$235.67
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ICHABOD NORTON POOR FUND

		Savings Bank	
		Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$947.17	\$947.17
On hand at end of year		\$947.17	\$947.17
<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$43.09	Paid town treasurer	\$43.09
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Total	\$43.09	Total	\$43.09
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REBECCA CLARK POOR FUND

		Savings Bank	
		Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year		\$1,244.70	\$1,244.70
On hand at end of year		1,244.70	1,244.70

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$56.59	Paid town treasurer	\$56.59
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Total	\$56.59	Total	\$56.59

SMITH-HUGHES FUND

	Savings Bank	
	Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$191.79	\$191.79
On hand at end of year	191.79	191.79

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Bank		
	Cash	Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$100.00	\$1,929.53	\$2,029.53
On hand at end of year		2,181.53	2,181.53

<i>Receipts</i>		<i>Payments</i>	
Income	\$80.64	Deposited in sav- ings bank	\$252.00
New bequests	150.00		
Cash on hand Jan- uary 1, 1924	100.00	Paid town treas- urer for care	78.64
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Total	\$330.64	Total	\$330.64

Tax Collector's Report

To the voters of Oak Bluffs:

The collector respectfully calls your attention to the Report of the auditors in his department.

E. R. FRASIER,

Collector.

Report of Board of Health

Oak Bluffs, Jan. 19, 1924.

To the Voters of the Town of Oak Bluffs:

I have to report that during the past year there was a slight epidemic of chicken pox. I also wish to state that I have made 154 visits in the interest of public health.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID HEATLEY,

Agent, Board of Health.

Town Clerk's Report

RETURN OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1924

DATE	NAME	SEX	PARENTS
Jan. 13	Elizabeth Lewis	F	Manuel R. and Angelica
" 16	Ruth Bernardo	F	George H. and Mary V.
" 17	Laura Castro	F	Joseph and Antonia
" 21	Joseph Estrella	M	Manuel and Mary
" 29	Duncan McBride	M	John and Florence
Feb. 1	William A. Simon	M	George J. and Mary A.
" 12	Leona E. Smith	F	Ralph T. and Rosanna
" 22	Leon A. Luce	M	Leon P. and Viola
" 23	Elfreda DeFrates }	F	Lester and Cornelia
	Forrest DeFrates }	M	" " "
" 26	Channing L. Entwistle	M	John W. and Jetta
" 28	Margaret A. Porter	F	James and Margaret
Mar. 11	Ruth M. Williams	F	Charles A. and Luella M.
" 19	Richard W. Legg	M	Henry W. and Henrietta
" 21	Anna M. Andrews	F	James J. and Elizabeth
" 26	—— Mavro	F	Carmel and Mary
" 30	James D. Morgan	M	Clarence and Mary
April 4	Clarie F. West	F	Arthur P. and Mary
" 5	John G. Sylvia	M	John A. and Anna C.
" 11	Elizabeth Daggett	F	Royal and Mary
" 14	Warren W. Eddy	M	Arthur C. and Helen W.
" 16	Basil L. Welch	M	Milton and Rose
" 18	Walter Cardoza	M	James E. and Mary
May 3	Ruth Garland	F	George S. and Agnes
" 5	Shirley J. Peters	F	Charles W. and Frances A.
" 12	Fred Metell, Jr.	M	Fred and Mary J.
" 14	Anthony D. Ameral	M	Merion D. and Alexandrina
" 15	Marie M. Francis	F	Warren A. and Ethel M.
" 21	Mary G. Camacho	F	John G. and Conceicas
" 27	Richard G. Gibbs	M	Arthur B. and Helen
June 4		M	
" 13	Albert S. Cronig	M	Edward and Pauline
" 22	Eleanor T. McLaughlin	F	James and Ruth
" 26	J. Alfred Rousseau, Jr.	M	J. Alfred and Olga

BIRTHS—Continued

DATE	NAME	SEX	PARENTS
July 4	Manuel Swartz, Jr.	M	Manuel and Edna M.
" 24	Lillian M. Gonsalves	M	Jerome and Maud E.
" 24	Vivian Murphy	F	George and Alice
" 26	Serena C. Brothers	F	Nathaniel B. and Caroline
Aug. 11	Albion A. Alley	M	Albion and Mary
" 11	Barbara A. Perry	F	Philip and Lena
" 17	John Peeples	M	James and Anne
Sept. 4	George G. Magunson, Jr.	M	George G. and Lillian
" 12	Irwin Colinsky	M	David and Tilly
" 19	John F. Correiro, Jr.	M	John F. and Augustina
" 21	Lyle Bradford Thomas	M	Joseph M. and Margaret L.
" 22	Mary J. Merritt	F	Ernest A. and Isabelle
Oct. 1	Janet F. Allen	F	Roger W. and Adella
" 2	Benjamin L. Attaquin, Jr.	M	Benjamin L. and Helen
" 3	Philip Welch	M	Forest H. and Helen M.
" 27	Doris C. Francis	F	Clifford and Mabelle
" 30	William C. Enos	M	John F. and Nora J.
Nov. 9	Luther T. Madison	M	Napoleon and Nannetta
" 20	Owen F. Hutchinson	M	Alby F. and Thelma
Dec. 10	Elwynn C. Mayhew	M	Arthur A. and Esther A.
" 11	Priscilla A. Bunker	F	Alton S. and Dorothy W.
" 15	Doris M. Cleveland	F	Herbert R. and Jane
" 17	Ralph W. Devine	M	Horace W. and Faustina F.
" 20	Francis Louis Murphy	M	Raymond F. and Jeanne M.
" 25	Laura R. Averill	F	Alfred A. and Violet A.

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
Jan. 19	Clifford Francis	20	Oak Bluffs
	Maybelle B. Branch	20	"
Feb. 1	William A. Colby	27	"
	Alvina F. Nickel	25	"
" 12	Philip Pena	40	Tisbury
	Willianna Dates	37	"
Mar. 11	Algot B. Brunzell	23	Worcester, Mass.
	Anna N. Silvia	24	Oak Bluffs
" 15	Alton S. Bunker	21	"
	Dorothy W. Ballou	19	North Attleboro, Mass.
" 26	Antone D. Silvia	56	Oak Bluffs
	Marie Madeiros Corearia	39	"
April 30	Bradford J. Church	22	"
	Dorothy Look	21	"
May 31	Harold W. Kimball	23	Edgartown
	Isabel W. Forrest	23	Oak Bluffs
June 4	Thomas N. Copeland	23	"
	Doris L. Kidder-Webb	25	"
" 10	Antone D. Ameral	29	"
	Margaret K. DeBettencourt	26	"
" 17	Camillo Camara	40	Boston
	Clara A. Perry	37	Oak Bluffs
" 25	Solly Di Giacomo	38	"
	Christina I. Lawson Cuzen	38	East Boston
" 26	Leland W. Renear	30	Tisbury
	Mary B. Hume	34	Oak Bluffs
July 19	Carl J. Carlson	25	Providence, R. I.
	Mercedes Ulrici	21	Boston
Sept. 1	William N. DeBettencourt	23	Oak Bluffs
	Mary M. Connor	22	"
" 5	Charles W. Morris	28	Quincy, Mass.
	Gladys M. Price	25	Medford, Mass.
" 8	Emanuel A. Romero, Jr.	23	Oak Bluffs
	Mary E. Phillips	21	"
" 11	Edward A. Lewis	21	Boston
	Helen M. Handy	26	Oak Bluffs
" 24	Samuel L. Lewis	39	"
	Emma Conway	35	"
Nov. 12	Alfred F. DeBettencourt	22	"
	Mary C. King	22	"
" 19	William R. Amara	28	"
	Nellie Sylvia	20	"

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D	
Feb. 19	Kathleen Maury	1	3	28	Lobar Pneumonia
" 23	—— Luce	15	hours		Premature Birth
Mar. 5	Charles F. James	56	4	26	Valvular Heart Disease
" 10	Manuel M. Swartz	54	7	12	Carcinoma of Stomach
" 29	John L. Pollard	About 70			Tuberculosis of Lungs
May 15					Stillborn
June 2	James B. Magee	79	7	21	Arterio Sclerosis
" 16	Henry O. Robinson	71	10	24	Chronic Myocarditis
" 24	Susan O. Newcomb	85	1	29	Senility
" 28	Joseph Alfred Roussau, Jr.			2	Cerebral Hemorrhage
July 13	Sarah I. Cooley	About 83			" "
" 18	John D. Marden	78	7	15	Angina Pectoris
Aug. 4	Annie M. Pratt	88		21	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 13	Alice M. Taft	70			Valvular Heart Disease
" 13	Sarah G. B. Laytham	48	11	9	Pernicious Anemia
" 20	James F. Baird	74	10	1	Valvular Heart Disease
Sept. 1					Premature Delivery
" 12	Louise S. Messinger	46	9	2	Cancer of Lung
" 30	Ellen C. Colby	90	5	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Oct. 5	Louis R. Cardoza		8		Mal-Nutrition
" 12	Albert N. Palmer	56	3	18	Heart Disease
" 13	Celestia Holt	80	11	29	Aortic Stenosis
" 15	Alice P. Avery	62	8	13	Chronic Cholecystitis
" 16	Ethel M. Draper	38		26	Obstruction of Intestine
" 20	Ralph H. Ricketson	59	1	23	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Nov. 8	Adelaide M. Palmer	About 70			Arterio Sclerosis
Dec. 31	Mary A. Chaves	65	5	13	Carcinoma of Carcum

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

The following are the Statistics of Birth, Marriages and Deaths recorded during 1924:

Births

Whole number	59
Males	34
Females	25

Marriages

Total number	21
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Deaths

Total number	27
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DOG TAX ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1924

108 Males at \$2.00	\$216.00
17 Females at \$5.00	85.00
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125 Total	\$301.00
125 Clerks fees at 20 cents	25.00
Paid County Treasurer	\$276.00
Paid Town Treasurer	25.00
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Total	\$301.00

JOHN MILLER,

Town Clerk

Public Library

To the Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Librarian of Oak Bluff's Public Library from January 1, 1924, to December 31, 1924.

I am pleased to report that the circulation of books continues to increase each year. This year the record shows an output of 10,359 books, which is a gain of 139 more than last year. These numbers do not include the circulation of pay books, which in itself has been very satisfactory.

The circulating library of two cents per day on new fiction that was started in November, 1923, is proving to be very helpful in many ways. Our summer as well as winter borrowers were pleased to patronize the Library in this way. Many of these pay circulating books are now on the shelves for free circulation.

New books of non-fiction and juvenile will be added during 1925.

During the summer Miss Edith Phillips, who has charge of the work with foreigners for the State Library Commission, visited the Library and in the fall sent many Portuguese and Spanish books of fiction and history.

Cataloguing of new books and mending of old ones has been kept up to date.

During the year gifts of books, magazines and money have been received.

	Vol.
Miss Emily Worth	3
Miss Libby Martin	2
Mrs. Earl Dow	30
Mrs. W. A. Briggs	3
Allen Horne	1
Mr. Harold Jordan	5
Miss Emma Barney	2
Mrs. Carrie Sherwoode	2
Frank Swartz	1
George Stone	3
Theodore Cox	6
Francis Bunker	4
Mrs. E. G. Eldridge	
Woman's Home Companion	
Dr. H. T. Dean	
Youth's Companion, Child Life	
Mr. A. E. Cox	\$10.00
Prof. L. W. Miller	Atlantic Monthly
Friend	Needlecraft
J. O. Wild	Farm Journal

In accordance with instructions, all amounts received from cards, fines, circulation of pay books and gifts have been turned in to the Town Treasurer.

In conclusion, may I express my appreciation of the fine support and interest I have received from the Trustees. Also, I thank those friends who have helped so generously during the year. It is my pleasure to serve you all to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA F. ESTEY,
Librarian.

Report of Finance Committee

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR YEAR 1925

General Government:

Moderator	\$15.00	✓
Selectmen, Salaries	600.00	✓
Selectmen, Expenses	250.00	✓
Treasurer, Salary	400.00	✓
Treasurer, Expenses and Bond	75.00	✓
Collector, Salary	550.00	✓
Collector, Expenses and Bond	200.00	✓
Assessors, Services	450.00	✓
Assessors, Expenses	300.00	✓
Town Counsel, Salary	75.00	✓
Town Counsel, Expenses	25.00	✓
Town Accountant, Salary	2,000.00	✓
Town Accountant and Clerk's Expenses	300.00	✓
Board of Registrars, Salaries	100.00	✓
Board of Registrars, Expenses	200.00	✓

Protection of Persons and Property:

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary	100.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Expenses	50.00

Tree Warden, Expenses	25.00	✓
Chief of Police, Salary	1,500.00	✓
Summer Patrolmen	800.00	✓
Police Expenses	200.00	✓
Night Watch, Salary	1,460.00	✓
Dog Officer	5.00	✓
Constable (Shell-fish), Salary	50.00	✓
Board of Fire Engineers, Salaries	50.00	
Chief of Fire Engineers, Salaries	50.00	
Firemen	800.00	✓
Superintendent of Fire Alarm	50.00	✓
Care of Fire Alarm Batteries	150.00	✓
Steward, Steamer House	35.00	✓
Steward, Hose 1	35.00	✓
Steward, Hose 2	25.00	✓
Steward, Hose 4	25.00	✓
Fuel and Lights	250.00	✓
Contingent Expense	550.00	✓
Hydrant Rental (subject to articles on hydrants)	2,710.00	✓
Three New Boxes	300.00	
New Hose and Chemical	700.00	✓
Harbor Master, Salary	50.00	✓
Harbor Master, Expenses	100.00	✓
Moth Extermination	100 600.00	✓

Health and Sanitation :

Board of Health, Salaries	75.00	✓
Board of Health, Expenses	1,000.00	✓
Collection of Swill, Garbage and Rubbish	1,000.00	✓

New Truck for Collection of Garbage and Rubbish

1,000.00 ✓

Care of Dump 400.00 ✓

Animal Inspector, Salary 50.00 ✓

Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary 75.00 ✓

Public Sanitaries 500.00 ✓

Street Cleaning 850.00 ✓

Agents Board of Health, Salary 150.00 ✓

Highways:

Bulkheads and Bridges 1,000.00 ✓

Repairs to Concrete 1,200.00 ✓

Repairs to Dirt Roads 1,500.00 ✓

Grading and Oiling Dukes Co. Ave. 500.00 ✓

Cleaning Catch Basins 300.00 ✓

Rebuilding portions of road on Sea-View,
near Waban Park, Lake Ave. near black-
smith shop and lower portion of New
York Ave. 1,250.00 ✓

Resurfacing Atlantic Ave. from New York
Wharf toward East Chop Light 1,500.00 ✓

Removal of Snow 400. 200.00 ✓

Street Lights (as per Statement) 11,000.00 ✓

Charities:

Support of Poor 8,000.00 ✓

Soldiers' Aid 352.00

Soldiers' Relief 48.00

Education and Libraries:

School Committee, Salaries	150.00	✓
School Committee, Secretary, Salary	50.00	✓
School Committee, Superintendent, Salary	850.00	✓
Schools	21,550.00	✓
Physician, Services	100.00	✓
Nurse, Services	640.00	✓
Public Library	23,340.00	1,050.00

Recreation and Cemeteries:

Public Parks	600.00	✓
Special Parks	3,000.00	✓
Sunset Lake and Culvert	3,000.00	✓
Care of Cemeteries	1,000.00	✓
Rebuilding Fence at Cemetery	700.00	✓

Unclassified:

Town Reports	250.00	✓
Memorial Day	50.00	✓
Advertising	500.00	✓
Amusements	2,500.00	✓
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	✓
Interest	2,000.00	✓
Unpaid Bills of 1924, School Department	182.07	✓
Unpaid Bills of 1924, Fire Department	65.50	✓
Overlay, 1923	681.50	✓
Overdrafts of Appropriations, 1924	5,677.65	✓
Rent of Strand Theatre for Town Building Purposes	300.00	

And the committee also recommends:

That the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for surveyor's services for the drainage of surface water on Vineyard Ave. and Tuckerwick Ave., at Mantic Park.

That the sum of \$2,200.00 be appropriated for alterations to the Selectmen's Building.

That the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated for dredging Lake Anthony, said work under supervision of the Department of Public Works.

That the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated for the continuance of iron pipe fence on Sea-View Ave. sidewalk.

That a fire escape be placed upon the school building.

That the building of Sunset Lake Culvert be done under the supervision of Mr. Charles R. Barnet.

That the Selectmen contract with M. V. Hospital for a bed to be at the disposal of the town. Yearly contract price \$500.00.

That the Chief of Police be on duty all year.

That bonds be issued for a sum not to exceed \$20,000 for shore front protection, provided a like amount be obtained from the Department of Public (see Article 16).

That the sum of \$1,200.00 be appropriated to concrete Wamsutta Ave. to Nashawena Park (see Article 14).

PETER J TAEGER,

Chairman.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Dukes County, ss.

To either of the Constables in the town of Oak Bluffs:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Strand Theatre, in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, the third day of February, A. D. 1925, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named town officers:

A Town Clerk for one year.

A Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for one year.

A Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for two years.

A Selectman and Overseer of the Poor for three years.

A Treasurer for one year.

A Collector of Taxes for one year.

A member of the School Committee for three years.

A member of the Cemetery Committee for three years.

A Park Commissioner for three years.

A Chief of Police for one year.

A Night Watchman for one year.

Two Constables for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

And to vote on the question: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this town?

The polls for the reception of votes for the aforesaid officers and said question will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, the fourth day of February, A. D. 1925, and will be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless a later hour be determined upon by the meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear the reports of the Selectmen and other boards and committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and appropriations for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations of the same as recommended by the finance committee.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see if the town will fix the time for the payment of all taxes assessed, and will direct what rate of interest shall be demanded in case taxes are not paid at the time specified.

Article 8. To see if the town will direct the Assessors to remit all taxes as cannot in their judgment be collected.

Article 9. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes that a Town Treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Article 10. To see if the town will pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 11. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on or after January 1, 1926, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1926, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year; any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1926.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Franklin street, near the residence of John J. Pinheiro, (as petitioned).

Article 13. To see what action the town will take relative to fire escapes for the school-house, and to raise and appropriate such sum of money as may be required, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to concrete Wamsutta avenue, from end of present concrete to Nashawena park, provided abutters will pay their proportional part, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to accept South Circuit avenue, from Katama avenue to Circuit avenue, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the purpose of bulkheads or other means of protection along the water front, and to meet said appropriation that there be raised in the levy of the current year the sum of \$1,000, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$19,000.00 and to issue a note or notes therefor, said note or notes to be payable in accordance with Section 19, Chapter 44, General Laws. So that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of issue of the first note, or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to place a hydrant at the corner of Greene and West avenues, and will authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to provide and install said hydrant as designated by the town, under the terms provided in Section 8, of the contract with the Water Company, whereby the town shall rent and pay for the use of said hydrant at the rate of \$35.00 per annum.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to place a hydrant at the corner of Katama and Circuit avenues and will authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to provide and install said hydrant as designated by the town, under the terms provided in Section 8, of the contract with the Water Company, whereby the town shall rent and pay for the use of said hydrant at the rate of \$35.00 per annum.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to place a hydrant at the corner of Dukes County avenue and Wing road, and will authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to provide and install

said hydrant as designated by the town, under the term provided in Section 8, of the contract with the Water Company, whereby the town shall rent and pay for the use of said hydrant at the rate of \$35.00 per annum.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to place a hydrant on New York avenue corner of Winnemac avenue, and will authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to provide and install said hydrant, as designated by the town, under the term provided in Section 8, of the contract with the Water Company, whereby the town shall rent and pay for the use of said hydrant at the rate of \$35.00 per annum.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to place a hydrant at the corner of New York avenue and Highland Boulevard, and will authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to provide and install said hydrant as designated by the town, under the term provided in Section 8, of the contract with the Water Company, whereby the town shall rent and pay for the use of said hydrant at the rate of \$35.00 per annum.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to place a hydrant on Atlantic avenue near the residence of Mr. H. H. Totten, and will authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to provide and install said hydrant as designated by the town, under the term provided in Section 8, of the contract with the Water Company, whereby the town shall rent and pay for the use of said hydrant at the rate of \$35.00 per annum.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the purpose of building an addition to the present School Building, and to meet the said appropriation that there be raised in the levy of the current year the sum of \$1,000.00, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$19,000.00 and to issue a note or notes therefore, said note or notes to be payable in accordance with Section 19, Chapter 44, General Laws. So that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of issue of the first note, or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be posted in three public places in the town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1925.

DAVID HEATLEY,	} Selectmen of Oak Bluffs.
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,	
NORMAN L. PRATT,	

Pursuant to above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in this warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

Attest:

HARRY T. WEBB, Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 26, 1925.

ANNUAL
SCHOOL REPORT



1924



School Committee's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 23rd, 1925.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Oak Bluffs,
Mass.:

The School Committee herewith make the following report of their stewardship and the condition of the schools for the year 1924.

Once more the flight of time reminds us that the new year of 1925 has opened before us and as we look backward over the year 1924, and take account of the standing and condition of our schools to see if improvement and progress has been made, it is with pleasure we can say that much has been accomplished and our labors have not been in vain. The pupils and students seem to have the desire to improve and to do well. With that attitude it is reasonable to expect good work and satisfactory results through this and coming years.

A few changes have taken place in our teaching force since the closing of the schools in June. Miss Catharine A. Coleman in Miss Aston's place, Mrs. Mildred W. Penney in the fourth grade, Miss Muriel Fairchild in the third grade and Miss Elizabeth Bourne in the Household Arts Department.

All teachers are doing good and conscientious work, and your committee feel that we have a corps of able workers in our present teaching force.

The reports of Superintendent, Principal and other heads of the various departments, as laid before you, give a generous idea of the routine work in the schools, and it is with much pride we can say there is a marked improvement all along the line, in discipline, in deportment and in the interest taken by the pupils of the grades and students in the High School and Junior High School. The co-operation of parents, pupils, teachers and officials is sure to bring about good results in the education of the children and youth, but without that spirit of loyalty only failure can result, so we have reason to look for progress this year and a foundation may be laid that will place our schools on a high standard. There is a great desire on the part of the committee that parents visit the school and beginning at the first grade go on through the several rooms to the high school and you will come away feeling that it is a busy place, that the teachers are doing conscientious work, and you will feel that good work is being done. No one can learn for another, so it remains for each pupil to apply himself faithfully to his or her work and solve all the problems of his education for himself. This year seems to be a banner year in the schools, and we look for good results if the co-operation of pupil, student and teachers continues. There is great need of more room in the school building and the committee ask for an addition which will cover that need. Nearly three hundred children are in attendance in the building during school hours, and in September next it is possible that thirty or

more children will enter, as in the past. Something should be done at once to relieve this situation. Your committee have felt the need of more room, but put off asking for it on account of the burden of taxation, but the matter is one that cannot be put off longer, especially as but few leave the school in June and in September there is likely to be quite an increase in the number entering. The reports of the Superintendent, Principal and others are so comprehensive, there isn't much left for the committee to say at this time; but we as a committee have had the best interest of the schools at heart and we thank the citizens of the town for their co-operation and for the courtesy so generally shown to them by all. We call your attention to the information given by those placed in authority over the several departments of school work, and ask you to consider the information contained in their reports, and your committee feel that you will be pleased to know that all are doing good work.

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN,
MINNIE E. VINCENT,
ETHEL M. BARNEY,

Committee.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit to you my seventh annual report as superintendent of schools. The year just past has been one of steady progress. Of course, in a school system as large as the Marthas Vineyard district, there will be some fault found with officials, teachers and methods. We wish, however, to suggest that those having criticisms come direct to the proper authorities with them so that some good instead of harm may arise from such criticisms. Very often criticisms are made that would not be made had the person criticising thoroughly understood the situation.

BUILDINGS

Of all the towns on the Island up to this time Oak Bluffs has had the most up-to-date school building, but Edgartown will take the lead upon the completion of her \$100,000 building, which will accommodate all the pupils, allow for the introduction of vocational training for both boys and girls, and also provide a gymnasium for the proper physical training of all pupils. Oak Bluffs will at the coming town meeting be asked to provide for a two-room addition to her present building with a large light basement that may be used for a vocational shop for boys or may be used for a gymnasium. It will be Tisbury's turn next, as the present building is not adequate for present needs. In Tisbury's

case it will have to be an entire new plant, as the present building will not lend itself readily to remodelling by additions nor is the lot suitable for a school playground. West Tisbury remodelled her central building several years ago and will not have to build for years to come. Chilmark's buildings are in good shape. Gay Head is planning to build **in the near future a building that will contain a town hall, library and school rooms.** From the above it will be seen that all of the towns except Tisbury have or are to soon have better school buildings.

At the last annual town meetings of all the towns of the Island members of a committee were appointed to investigate the needs of a county high school and to report their findings to the several towns. This committee has had several meetings and their report follows.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION FOR A COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL FOR DUKES COUNTY

The committee met many times and with an expert on school affairs examined all matters pertaining to a Union High School. But the town of Edgartown, not waiting to hear the committee's report, voted to build its own local high school, changed the whole outlook and the attitude of this committee. This committee, however, urges the other towns of the Island not to lose sight of the absolute need for the very best conditions of Secondary Education, and building conditions for the future of our children.

Further report in the local press.

ALFRED FAIRBROTHER, Chairman.

ETTA M. G. LUCE, Secretary.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Several years ago the Bureau of Education inaugurated the annual observance of a week to stimulate an interest in education throughout the nation. It was designed as a great spotlight to focus the minds of the American people upon what the schools are doing and what their needs and objectives are. The next year the American Legion became interested and now the week, known as American Education Week, is sponsored conjointly by the Bureau of Education, the National Education Association, and the American Legion.

Last year unprecedented success marked the observance of the week. Thousands of reports came to the Bureau of Education from every quarter of the country describing the enthusiasm with which people of all classes responded to the appeals made to them in behalf of the schools.

The encouraging thing in connection with this observance of Education Week is that the people more and more realize that the schools belong to them and they are glad of this special opportunity provided in which to visit and see some of the regular school work in progress. How many of you citizens of Oak Bluffs did not avail yourselves of this opportunity? American Education Week has passed but the schools are still open for your inspection. Why not call and get acquainted with the teachers of your pupils?

SUPERINTENDENCY DISTRICT

On September 1st, 1924, the Marthas Vineyard district was reorganized and the town of Gosnold added. The district now has the largest number of towns of any district in the State and also is the only one including all the towns of a county.

By the adding of Gosnold the distribution of the superintendent's time and salary was changed; each town on the Island except Gay Head paying less than formerly. For comparison of district statistics the following table is inserted:

SCHOOL YEAR, 1923-1924

	Number Teachers	Average Mem- ber- ship	Per cent Atten- dance	Total Expen- diture	Superintendent Salary 1924
Gosnold	1	10	89		\$250.00
Gay Head	1	14	93	\$4,231.00	170.00
Chilmark	1	17	90	4,595.00	170.00
W. Tisbury	4	57	88	8,148.21	485.00
Tisbury	12	244	93	24,670.00	825.00
Oak Bluffs	13	259	92	23,192.00	825.00
Edgartown	8	207	90	18,110.00	825.00

By the aid of money received from the sale of Christmas Seals health clinics conducted by Dr. Wagner of Pocasset, assisted by the school nurse, were held in every town of the Island. Further examination was made of many children at the sanitorium at Pocasset.

In closing I wish to thank officials, teachers and all others who have in any way contributed to the success of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MARTIN.

Principal's Report

January 5, 1925.

Mr. R. W. Martin,
Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my second Annual Report of the Oak Bluffs Schools.

During the fall term the daily attendance has been very poor on account of an epidemic of chicken pox, which caused an absence of nearly twenty per cent of the entire enrollment for several weeks. The attendance has, however, returned to normal and we shall try to make up for lost time during the winter term.

The total enrollment is 293 pupils and as the capacity of the building is only 225 pupils, we are finding it difficult to accommodate them, and if the number increases, as it must, it will be imperative to make an addition to the present building this year.

The course in Vocational Agriculture which was inaugurated in September, 1923, was discontinued in November of the current year, as will be seen in Mr. Sharpe's Report.

The students are taking more interest in the work, thereby raising the scholastic standard, and if the present conditions continue we should have a very successful year.

The Oak Bluffs High School Literary Club is a student organization made up of the entire school. This club takes full charge of the devotional exercises, which are followed by a literary program every second week. For the alternate

weeks we have been fortunate in getting such men as Prof. Miller, Prof. George W. Rolfe, Rev. O. E. Denniston, and others, who have delivered interesting and instructive lectures.

The Teachers' Reading Club for Professional Improvement meets twice a month for the discussion of educational problems as set forth by Strayer and Norsworthy in "How to Teach." The solution of problems that arise in our school are discussed in relation to the handling of similar problems by Strayer and Norsworthy.

Parents of the children are always welcome at the school. A special invitation was extended through the children to the parents to visit during American Education Week, November 17-November 23. We are very sorry that so few availed themselves of this opportunity to see what their children are doing.

It should interest the people of Oak Bluffs to know what the nine graduates of June, 1924, are doing. Miss Hilda Terra is studying in the Salem Normal School. Miss Olive Deniston is a post graduate in the Girls' High School, West Newton Street, Boston. Nelson DeBettencourt and Brooks Carter are studying in the Coyne Electrical School at Chicago. Arthur Baird is working in the Waltham Watch factory. Gordon Bunker is in the inventory department of the Multibesto Co. at Walpole. John Randolph is carpentering in Oak Bluffs. George Frye is with the Staples Coal Co. in Taunton. Manuel Duarte is carpentering in Vineyard Haven.

I wish to thank the parents whom I have always found eager and willing to support and aid me; and to express my appreciation of the work of the teachers and the support of the School Committee and the Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. JORDAN.

Vocational Instructor's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., Jan. 6, 1925.

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,
Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Dear Mr. Martin:

I submit herewith a report in brief of the vocational and shop work. At the opening of the school in September, 1924, considerable interest was shown by the students in the Vocational Agricultural Course. Many desired to take up this work, but after talking things over with their parents and explaining fully the character of the work and its requirements, only five qualified to enter. Two of these left school early in the fall.

Automobile and repair work was offered as a major portion of the winter's work, hoping thus to interest a number of former students who might well profit from a few months more of school during the winter. Not enough were interested to warrant the equipment necessary for such work.

All during this fall, the upper grade boys were clamoring for shop work such as they had last year. After careful review of the entire situation, the School Committee voted to discontinue the Vocational Agricultural Course and give the upper grade boys the shop work.

This was done on November 17, 1924, and the results have been very satisfactory. Sixteen boys in two groups of eight each are now busy in the afternoons in the shop. Each boy must splice and tie rope, do at least one repair job in soldering, be able to cane a chair, and the balance of the time in wood-working.

Doing practical things with the hands, which require forethought and a certain amount of concentration of mind, is of infinite value to the boy at this period of school life. The results clearly warrant this community doing all in its power to promote and expand this phase of the school work.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES G. SHARPE,

Vocational Instructor.

Report of Supervisor of Home Economics

Supt. R. W. Martin,
Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my first annual report of the Household Arts Department.

The program is as follows:

Fifth Grade—Sewing, 1 period a week; 20 girls.

Sixth Grade—Sewing, 1 period a week; 17 girls.

Seventh Grade—Sewing and cooking, 5 periods a week; 9 girls.

Eighth Grade—Sewing and cooking, 5 periods a week; 10 girls.

High School—Sewing and cooking, 15 periods a week; 9 girls.

Total 65 girls.

The fifth grade girls as beginners are making sewing bags, in which work they get most of the stitches.

The sixth grade has had one year of elementary sewing and is now learning to use the sewing machine and to make simple garments.

in cooking. They have finished about two garments each.

Both the seventh and eighth grades have been having Hygiene on Friday.

The High School class is composed of five Seniors, two Juniors and two Sophomores. This class devotes one-half of their school time to Household Arts and related subjects such as Arithmetic, Nutrition and Textiles.

I have been very much pleased with the way these girls have worked and the interest they have shown.

Their work in foods this fall has covered Good Preservation, Cookery of Vegetables, Fruits, Cereals, Eggs and Cheese Dishes, Cooking and Serving a Simple Breakfast, Cake Making, Pastry and Candy Making. Next term they will take up Breadmaking, Meat Cookery and Desserts. Besides the work during school hours the girls do Home Project work. In doing this they get more practical experience than they can get at school.

The seventh grade girls have both cooking and sewing. In cooking they have learned the first principles of cooking and have learned to cook such things as vegetables, fruits and cereals. I hope that for the rest of the year it can be arranged so this class can have a double period for cookery one day a week rather than two single periods.

These girls have worked very hard in sewing and have finished twenty garments.

The eighth grade cooking class has been over the same ground as the seventh grade, but as they have had two double periods a week they have had more of the practical work and meal planning, and are about ready to start a breakfast project.

In sewing these girls have not taken as much interest as

In clothing the class has finished forty garments. In addition to these, several of the girls did embroidery, knitting and crocheting for Christmas gifts.

One afternoon a week has been devoted to Household Management. The rest of the year they will have Textiles in place of Household Management.

The Household Arts Cottage is a very practical place for the classes to meet because they get the real experience of a home, which is impossible where only a laboratory is accessible.

There are quite a number in the 4-H Food and Clothing Club. A High School Food Club has been started and I am hoping that as much interest will be shown in this as in the classwork.

We wish that more mothers would visit the cottage and see the work their girls are doing.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH BOURNE.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Sir:

I submit herewith my third annual report of music in the schools of Oak Bluffs.

A general outline of our music course during the past year includes first grade, note song singing and development of rhythm by means of clapping, aided by the piano. Another device that has proven itself of indispensable value is the Kinder-Band.

New books were purchased for the second and third grades. The children enjoy the songs and are doing good work.

Sight-singing and reading are important factors in the music course and much emphasis is placed upon this work in all the grades except the first.

New books were purchased for the fifth and sixth grades and the two-part songs are much enjoyed by the classes. Their effort is very pleasing.

A joint music memory contest has been planned for the junior high schools of Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, respectively. A prize will be awarded the winning school. Fifteen records will be played for the pupils to name, tell composer, and some incident relating to the selection or composer which they know. The purpose of such a contest is to stimulate the minds of the pupils that they may be able to recognize and enjoy the best music.

A musical fantasy will be given by the high school, assisted by pupils in the different grades. The fantasy is a John Roger Production and will be coached by one of the company's directors. Parents and friends will please show their interest in the school activities by their presence at the performance of "Fi, Fi of the Toy Shop," Feb. 13, 1925.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for the kindly co-operation of Principal Jordan and all the grade teachers for their faithful assistance, which has made my work in the schools one of pleasure. I extend many thanks to Mr. Martin for his hearty co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORA E. RIDLON,

Supervisor of Music.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. R. W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,
Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The following is my report for the year 1924:

School visits	95
Home visits	148
Telephone calls	12

Home visits were made in connection with the school for continued absence, illness, general information and permission for special examination of underweight children by Dr. H. S. Wagner, Superintendent of Barnstable County Sanatorium, Pocasset, Mass. It is a pleasure for me to report that we received hearty co-operation from most parents so that 48 underweight children were examined by Dr. Wagner.

The yearly examination has been made by the School Physician, Dr. E. P. Worth, and Dr. Brush made an examination of the teeth. Here I would advocate the children visiting the family dentist at least twice a year. It would prove an important factor in the prevention of disease and a safeguard to good health.

The eye and ear test required by the State has been completed and I am able to report ten having had eye defects corrected by glasses.

Eighty dressings for injuries received in school or on the playground were applied when the attention of a physician was not required.

Our school has passed through an epidemic of chicken pox, which was undoubtedly intensified and prolonged by the presence in the schoolroom of children from homes where the disease was known. We would endeavor to impress upon every parent their personal obligation to the community by not sending children feeling ill to school. In order to better the physical conditions of the school children we must have the co-operation of every person who has any interest in the welfare of the pupils.

I wish at this time to express my thanks to members of the School Committee, Superintendent, School Physician, Dr. Brush, parents, teachers and pupils for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE LANDERS,
School Nurse.

Statistics

TABLE OF STATISTICS, 1923-1924

Grade	Teacher	Total Mem- bership	Average	
			Daily Atten- dance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Margaret L. Quinn	37	25.39	91
2	Grace P. Smith	44	28.29	92
3	Marguerite Simpson	36	29.51	94
4	Isabel A. Scott	31	24.25	94
5	Mary E. Place	35	28.77	91
6	Mildred E. Bunker	29	21.19	88
7 & 8		45	36.25	91
High		52	41.94	91

TEACHERS, 7-12 INCLUSIVE

H. Gilbert Jordan, Principal

Assistants:

Helen J. Aston

Letha N. Hurd

Howard F. Barrows

Mary M. Connor

Home Economics

Marjorie N. Forbes

Vocational Agriculture

Charles G. Sharpe

Supervisor of Music

Flora E. Ridlon

School Nurse

Irene V. Landers

TABLE OF STATISTICS, DECEMBER, 1924

Grade	Teacher	Average		
		Total Mem- bership	Daily Atten- dance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Margaret L. Quinn	33	26.25	85
2	Grace P. Smith	39	30.25	86
3	Muriel Fairchild	37	29.50	84
4	Mildred Penney	37	27.51	84
5	Mildred Bunker	30	25.00	89
6	Mary E. Place	32	25.75	86
7 & 8	Howard F. Barrows	42	32.25	87
High		43	33.81	87

TEACHERS, 7-12 INCLUSIVE.

H. Gilbert Jordan, Principal

Assistants

Letha N. Hurd

Catherine Coleman

Mrs. W. Bettencourt

Howard F. Barrows

Home Economics

Elizabeth Bourne

Vocational Agriculture

Charles G. Sharpe

Supervisor of Music

Flora E. Ridlon

School Nurse

Irene V. Landers

School Calendar, 1925=1926

Winter Term: December 29, 1924, to April 3, 1925

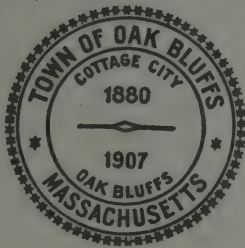
Spring Term: April 14 to June 19, 1925.

Fall Term: September 9 to December 23, 1925.

Winter Term: January 5 to March 25, 1926.

Spring Term: April 6 to June 18, 1926.

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Town Officers, 1925

TOWN CLERK

JOHN MILLER

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

NORMAN L. PRATT	Term expires 1927
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN	Term expires 1926
PERCY H. HOUSE	Term expires 1925

ACCOUNTANT

JOHN MILLER

ASSESSORS

FREDERICK W. SMITH	Term expires 1927
LEWIS BARTLETT	Term expires 1926
HOLLIS W. ENGLE	Term expires 1925

TREASURER

WALTER C. RIPLEY

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

EDWIN R. FRASIER

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

MINNIE E. VINCENT
CLARENCE P. HAYDEN
ETHEL L. BARNEY

BOARD OF HEALTH

NORMAN L. PRATT
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN
PERCY H. HOUSE

PARK COMMISSIONERS

JOHN H. HUGHES
THOMAS A. McGRATH
WALTER L. BESSE

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

CHARLES A. WILLIAMS
JOHN D. BAIRD
EMERY N. NOYES

SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS

ROY A. BUNKER

CHIEF OF POLICE

WALTER W. GILKES

NIGHT WATCH

MANUEL R. SILVIA

CONSTABLES

EDWARD E. SILVEY

HARRY T. WEBB

TREE WARDEN

GEORGE FRYE

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

HERBERT A. EDDY

PETER J. TAEGER

FENCE VIEWERS

THOMAS A. McGRATH

MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT

POUND KEEPER

WALTER W. GILKES

FIELD DRIVERS

MANUEL R. SILVIA

HARRY T. WEBB

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

PERCY E. NOYES

SPECIAL PARK COMMISSIONERS

LYMAN W. BESSE (Resigned)

EDMUND G. ELDRIDGE

ALFRED E. COX (deceased)

CHARLES R. MEINS

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

JOHN B. BILLINGS

ANTONE P. MEDEIROS

FREDERICK W. SMITH

FINANCE COMMITTEES

1923 (expires 1926)

JOHN H. HUGHES

JOSEPH S. PENNEY

EBEN D. BODFISH

FRANK P. BUNKER

EDWIN R. FRASIER

1924 (expires 1927)

CARROLL J. DARLING

OSGOOD N. MAYHEW

JOHN B. BILLINGS

WILLIAM C. MacNEILL

SUSAN J. CHASE

1925 (expires 1928)

HUBERT T. DEAN, M.D.

JOSEPH E. AMARAL

WALLACE A. ESTEY

JOHN W. McGRATH

WILLIAM H. PEARSON

Valuation April 1, 1925

Total value of property and real estate	\$3,588,405.00
Total property tax	107,652.15
Total tax on polls	787.00
Total tax	108,530.15
State tax	6,360.00
State highway tax	477.40
State audit tax	609.82
County tax	9,268.11
Town tax assessed	88,925.22
Overlay, 1924	1,750.00
Overlay, 1923	240.75
Overlay, 1922	20.85
Tax on 439 polls	878.00
Total	\$108,530.15

The following items were taken from the Assessors' books for 1925:

Number of residents assessed on property	551
Number of non-residents assessed on property	939
Number on poll tax only	439
Total	1,929

Number of horses	35
Number of cows	100
Number of sheep	45
Number of neat cattle.....	4
Number of swine	40
Number of fowl	525
Number of dwellings	1,299
Number of acres of land.....	3,423

EXEMPTED PROPERTY

African M. E. Church.....	\$500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association.....	4,250.00
Bradley Memorial Church.....	2,500.00
Catholic Cemetery Land.....	500.00
Episcopal Society Church.....	4,000.00
Fall River Deaconess Home.....	1,000.00
I. O. O. F. personal property.....	250.00
M. V. Hospital Association.....	6,700.00
M. V. Camp Meeting Association.....	5,250.00
Methodist Episcopal Association.....	5,500.00
Oak Bluffs Baptist Church.....	4,500.00
Order of Eastern Star.....	350.00
Sacred Heart Parish, Old Church.....	4,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, New Church.....	26,000.00
U. S. of America	6,400.00
Union Chapel Christian Association.....	7,000.00

\$79,200.00

Receipts

TAXES

Levy 1923	\$31.50
Levy 1924	15,580.53
Levy 1925	96,449.45
Corporation tax	941.34
Income tax	7,223.60
National Bank tax	8.78
	<hr/> \$120,235.20

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Dance	\$14.00
Marriage	20.00
Garage	2.00
Carriage	51.00
Used car dealer	10.00
Junk	25.00
Sunday	75.00
Victuallers'	6.00
Auctioneers'	4.00

Checking	10.00	
Intelligence	2.00	
Baggage	3.00	
Itinerant vender	367.00	
Inn holder	70.00	
Bowling alley	16.00	
Theatre	150.00	
Dance hall	50.00	
Shooting gallery	5.00	
Manicure	2.00	
Pool room	5.00	
Shell fish	9.00	
	<hr/>	896.00

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court fines	83.65
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GRANTS AND GIFTS

From the State:

Vocational Schools ...	\$945.35	
Smith-Hughes Fund..	56.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,001.85

From individuals:

Library	100.00
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From County:

Dog Fund	240.82	
	<hr/>	1,342.67

DEPARTMENTAL

Town Clerk's fees, etc.....	\$150.75
Collector's costs	38.90
Vital statistics	83.50
Sealer's fees	27.12
Sealer State Division of Standards	18.00
Tuberculosis—State	316.43
Highway construction assessment	182.00

Charities—Reimbursements:

State (Mothers' Aid) . \$2,699.64

Cities

308.73

Individuals

234.30

Sale of household fur-

nishings

31.63

 3,274.30

State Aid Schools:

Rent of building..... \$118.75

Smith-Hughes Fund.. 191.79

 310.54

Library fines and fees..... 335.80

Cemetery:

Sale of lots..... \$29.00

Sale of fence..... 75.00

 104.00

 5,099.34

INTEREST

On taxes	\$187.10	
On deposits	296.89	
Barbey Poor Fund.....	97.15	
Cemetery Perpetual Care.....	82.99	
	<hr/>	664.13

INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue loans	\$50,000.00	
Bulkhead and Waterfront loan...	19,000.00	
	<hr/>	69,000.00

TRUST

Barbey Poor Fund additional....	\$97.04	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund..	200.00	
	<hr/>	297.04

REFUNDS

From State: civilian war polls...	\$3.00	
Certification of notes	20.00	
Highways, overpayment	4.50	
Schools, overpayment	43.16	
Tax titles	39.64	
Sidewalk loan overpayment.....	1,000.00	
Moth Department, overpayment..	50.00	
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		\$198,778.33

Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative Department:

Salary of Moderator	\$15.00
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Selectmen's Department:

Salaries of Selectmen	\$600.00
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Expenses:

Janitor	\$25.00
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Fuel	57.75
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Water	10.00
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Transportation	90.00
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Printing, postage, etc.	13.75
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All other	57.29
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253.79

853.79

Town Accountant's Department:

Salary of Accountant	2,000.00
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Treasurer's Department:

Salary of Treasurer	\$400.00
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Expenses:

Costs on protested checks	\$3.08	
Surety bond	25.00	
Certifying notes ..	50.00	
Printing, postage, etc.	34.71	
	<u>112.79</u>	
		<u>512.79</u>

Collector's Department:

Salary of Collector	\$550.00
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Expenses:

Surety bond	\$40.00	
Deeds, advertising, etc.	42.49	
Printing, postage, etc.	79.53	
	<u>162.02</u>	
		<u>712.02</u>

Assessors' Department:

Salary of Assessors	\$450.00
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Expenses:

Abstracts	\$77.17
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Auto hire	17.00		
Printing, postage, etc.	64.92		
All other	66.99		
	<hr/>	226.08	
		<hr/>	676.08

Law Department:

Salary of Town Counsel.....	75.00
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Town Clerk's Department:

Expenses:

Printing, postage, etc.	\$28.38		
Vital statistics	95.50		
Bond	4.00		
Office furnishings..	75.00		
All other	75.97		
	<hr/>	\$278.85	
		<hr/>	278.85

Adding machine	100.00
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Elections and Registrations:

Salary, Board of Reg- istrars	\$100.00		
Salary, election officers	47.00		
	<hr/>	\$147.00	

Expenses:

Printing, postage, etc.	\$78.00
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Posting warrants..	9.00	
All other	4.85	
	<u> </u>	91.85
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		238.85

Town Hall:

Rent of Strand Theatre.....	300.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Chief of Police....	\$1,356.00	
Night Watch	1,460.00	
Patrolmen	1,492.00	
	<u> </u>	\$4,308.00

Expenses:

Rent and light.....	\$72.00	
Court fees	48.00	
Auto hire	31.33	
All other	93.50	
	<u> </u>	244.83
		<u> </u>
		4,552.83

Dog Officer	5.00
Shell fish Constable: Salary.....	50.00

Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages:

Firemen	\$800.00
Stewards	120.00

Supt. of Alarm and Batteries	190.36	
	<hr/>	\$1,110.36

Expenses:

Fuel and light	\$226.39	
Printing, postage, etc.	1.50	
New boxes	273.66	
New hose	860.40	
New chemical	775.38	
Hydrant rental ...	2,502.31	
Unpaid bills, 1924..	95.50	
All other	435.36	
	<hr/>	5,170.50
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		6,280.86

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary of Sealer	\$100.00
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Expenses:

Equipment	\$12.10	
All other	34.61	
	<hr/>	46.71
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		146.71

Moth Department:

Labor	\$137.00	
Expenses: All other...	\$61.80	
	<hr/>	61.80
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		198.80

Tree Warden's Department:

Services	25.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salaries:

Agent	\$150.00	
Board of Health	75.00	
	<hr/>	\$225.00

Expenses:

Tuberculosis Hosp..	\$512.00	
General Hospital...	57.00	
Burial	70.00	
Supplies	118.32	
	<hr/>	757.32
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		982.32

Animal Inspector: Salary.....	50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering: Salary.....	75.00
Martha's Vineyard Hospital: Hospital bed..	500.00

Collection of Offal:

Labor	\$968.00	
New truck	790.43	
All other	234.47	
	<hr/>	1,992.90

Care of Dumps:

Labor	\$542.82	
Expenses: Supplies	18.95	
	<hr/>	561.77

Public Sanitararies:

Labor	\$306.50
Expenses:	
Water	\$59.00

Rent	100.00		
Supplies	22.63		
	<u> </u>	181.63	
		<u> </u>	488.13

Street Cleaning:

Labor	\$836.00		
Expenses: Supplies	14.57		
	<u> </u>		850.57

Cleaning Catch Basins:

Labor	\$210.55		
Expenses: Supplies	21.28		
	<u> </u>		231.83

HIGHWAYS

Repairs to Concrete:

Labor	\$965.72		
Freight and carting..	\$36.67		
Supplies	200.59		
	<u> </u>	237.26	
		<u> </u>	1,202.98

Repairs to Dirt Roads:

Labor	\$1,172.63		
Oil	\$300.00		
Ashes	18.00		
	<u> </u>	318.00	
		<u> </u>	1,490.63

Repairs to Dirt Roads:

Labor	\$919.14	
Asphalt	\$298.48	
Supplies	32.38	
	<u>330.86</u>	
		<u>1,250.00</u>

Rebuilding Roads:

Labor	\$1,467.20	
Asphalt	132.80	
	<u>1,600.00</u>	

Dukes County Avenue:

Labor	\$173.92	
Ashes	\$9.00	
Oil	322.50	
	<u>331.50</u>	
		<u>505.42</u>

Wamsutta Avenue:

Labor	\$1,144.50	
Carting	\$20.00	
Tar	137.00	
Stone, etc.	215.85	
	<u>372.18</u>	
		<u>1,517.35</u>

Spruce Avenue:

Labor	\$162.00	
Stone	34.97	
	<u>196.97</u>	

Sea-View Avenue Sidewalk:

Labor	\$150.00	
Carting	15.00	
	<hr/>	165.00

Iron Pipe Fence:

Contract	\$915.00	
Painting and labor.....	72.25	
	<hr/>	987.25

Bulkheads and Bridges:

Labor	\$568.38	
Supplies	185.28	
	<hr/>	753.66

Harbor Master:

Salary of Harbor Master.....	\$50.00	
Expenses: Painting buoys, etc.	100.00	
	<hr/>	150.00

Bulkhead and Waterfront Construction:

Contract	25,000.00
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Removal of Snow:

Labor	\$142.00	
Teams	\$48.00	
Supplies	7.50	
	<hr/>	55.50
	<hr/>	197.50

Street Lighting:

Contract	\$6,748.06	
All other	1,005.44	
	<hr/>	7,753.50

CHARITIES

Support of Poor:

Cash aid	\$5,639.00	
Mothers' Aid	1,040.00	
Medical attendance	428.81	
Fuel	214.88	
Rent	138.60	
Burial	70.00	
Groceries	86.85	
All other	77.05	
	<hr/>	7,695.19

Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid	\$206.00	
Soldiers' Relief	44.00	
	<hr/>	250.00

Barbay Fund: Assistance	97.15
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EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

School Department:

Salary of School Committee...	\$150.00
Salary of Secretary.....	50.00
Salary of Superintendent.....	850.00

Physician	100.00	
Nurse	607.00	
Salaries of teachers.....	16,900.00	
• Salary of janitor.....	1,017.50	
	<hr/>	19,674.50

Expenses:

Transportation	\$897.00	
Water	47.00	
Fuel and lights	909.35	
Rent	100.00	
Telephone	36.58	
Text books and supplies.....	1,232.50	
All other	599.72	
	<hr/>	3,822.15

Unpaid bills, 1924 182.07

Architect's fees 1,011.76

Public Library:

Librarian	\$357.50	
Janitor	108.00	
	<hr/>	\$465.50
Books and magazines.	\$278.03	
Fuel and light.....	40.02	
Rent	180.00	
Water	23.90	
All other	57.00	
	<hr/>	578.95
	<hr/>	1,044.45

RECREATION

Public Parks:

Labor and Teams.....	\$556.00	
Supplies	31.50	
	<u> </u>	587.50

Special Parks:

Labor and teams.....	\$1,764.42	
Supplies	\$70.10	
Loam	84.00	
Water	131.02	
Plants and shrubs....	941.81	
	<u> </u>	1,226.93
	<u> </u>	2,991.35

Sunset Lake Culvert:

Labor	\$906.50	
Stone and gravel.....	\$172.36	
Freight and carting..	247.60	
Stock	1,403.38	
All other	121.88	
	<u> </u>	1,945.22
	<u> </u>	2,851.72

Amusements: Concerts 2,500.00

Unclassified:

Memorial Day	50.00
Advertising	500.00
Town reports	240.00

Reserve Fund: State census	33.50
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CEMETERIES

Cemetery Department	\$948.35	
Labor	\$52.40	
Supplies	29.69	
All other	44.50	
	<u>126.59</u>	
		<u>1,074.94</u>

New Fence:

Contract	\$650.00	
Labor	70.00	
	<u>720.00</u>	

INTEREST AND TOWN DEBT

Interest:

Temporary loans	\$832.51	
Town debt	1,093.77	
	<u>1,926.28</u>	

Debt:

Revenue loans	50,000.00
General loans	6,200.00

AGENCY

State tax	6,360.00
County tax	9,268.11

State audit	609.82
Highway	477.40
Soldiers' exemption	15.19

TRUST

Trust Funds:

Barbay Poor Fund.....	97.04
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.....	200.00

Refunds:

Corporation tax	1.07
Taxed 1924 refund.....	2.00
Taxed 1925 protested check.....	145.50

Total Payments	<u>\$186,153.05</u>
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Balance December 31, 1925.....	<u>17,359.28</u>
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Grand Total	<u>\$203,512.33</u>
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Balance Sheet, Dce. 31 1925

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In bank	\$17,345.11	
Cash discrepancy	14.17	
Library petty cash.....	15.00	
	<u> </u>	\$17,374.28

Accounts Receivable:

E. H. Matthews, Collector:

Levy 1921	\$79.35	
Levy 1922	231.98	
	<u> </u>	\$311.33

E. R. Frasier, Collector:

Levy 1922	\$17.90	
Levy 1923	58.55	
Levy 1924	58.47	
Levy 1925	11,501.60	
	<u> </u>	11,636.52
	<u> </u>	11,947.85

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

State Aid	\$206.00
Town Hall accounts receivable.	150.00

Health Dept., accts. receivable	251.43	
Poor Dept., accts. receivable...	400.00	
	<hr/>	1,007.43
Tax titles held by town.....		2,316.10
Overdrawn Accounts—To be appropriated:		
Overlay 1923	\$34.50	
Overlay 1924	6.65	
Selectmen's salary and expenses	3.79	
Resurfacing Atlantic Avenue..	100.00	
Grading and oiling Dukes Co.		
Avenue	5.42	
Concreting Wamsutta	317.35	
Rebuilding cemetery fence....	20.00	
	<hr/>	487.71
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		\$33,133.37

LIABILITIES

Appropriation balances:

Town Hall repairs.....	\$2,200.00	
Surveyor's expenses, surface		
drains	100.00	
Fire escape, school.....	3,500.00	
Library, special	100.00	
Sunset Lake culvert.....	148.28	
Town debt	1,300.00	
Library, petty cash.....	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,363.28
Overlay 1925	457.40	
Tax titles revenue.....	2,316.10	
Departmental revenue	1,007.43	
Surplus war bonus	691.04	
Surplus revenue	21,298.12	
	<hr/>	\$33,133.37

BALANCE SHEET

DECEMBER 31, 1925

DEBT ACCOUNTS**ASSETS**

Net funded or taxed debt.....	\$29,800.00
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LIABILITIES

New York Avenue loan.....	\$1,000.00
Sea-View Avenue loan	8,800.00
Sidewalk loan	1,000.00
Bulkhead and waterfront loan.....	19,000.00
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	\$29,800.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS**ASSETS****Trust funds:**

Cash and securities.....	\$20,395.64
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LIABILITIES

Barbay Poor Fund	\$5,430.15
Norton Poor Fund.....	992.68
Clark Poor Fund	1,306.03
Barbay School Fund	10,262.23
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund.....	2,404.55
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	\$20,395.64

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Balances
Jan. 1, 1925 Appropriations Transfers

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Moderator's Salary	\$15.00	
Selectmen's salaries and expenses	850.00	
Accountant's salary	2,000.00	
Adding machine	200.00	
Treasurer's salary and expenses	509.69*	\$34.71
Collector's salary and expenses	995.91	
Assessors' salary and expenses	950.00	
Law Department	100.00	
Town Clerk's expense	300.00	
Election and registration	304.65	
Town Hall repairs	2,200.00	
Strand Theatre	300.00	

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police Department,	
salaries and expenses	4,985.00
Special Constable, shell fish	50.00
Dog Officer	5.00
Fire Department,	
salaries and expenses	1,944.21
Fire Department,	
unpaid bills, 1924	95.50

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1925	Expenditures	Balances Dec. 31, '25	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '25
		\$15.00		
		853.79		\$3.79
		2,000.00		
		100.00	\$100.00	
\$20.00	\$34.69	512.79	16.92	
	245.91	712.02	37.98	
		676.08	273.92	
		75.00	25.00	
		278.85	21.15	
	4.65	238.85	61.15	
			2,200.00	
		300.00		
	25.00	4,552.83	407.17	
		50.00		
		5.00		
	124.21	1,583.25	236.75	
		95.50		

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCTS.—Con.

	Balances	
	Jan. 1, 1925	Appropriations Transfers
Hydrant rentals		2,710.00
New hose and chemical		1,700.00
Superintendent of Alarms		212.50
New boxes		300.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures		175.84
Tree Warden		34.50
Moth suppression		200.000

HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Board of Health	1,321.99
Health, salary of agent	150.00
Salary Inspector of Animals	50.00
Salary, Inspector of Slaughtering	75.00
Collection of offal	2,083.80
Care of dumps	669.24
Public sanitarries	500.00
Street cleaning	850.00†
Cleaning catch basins	300.00
Surveyor's expense, surface drains	100.00
Martha's Vineyard Hospital	500.00

HIGHWAYS:

Repairs to concrete	1,227.97
Repairs to dirt roads	1,500.00
Rebuilding roads	1,250.00
Resurfacing Atlantic Ave.	1,500.00
Grading and oiling Dukes County Avenue	500.00
Concreteing Wamsutta Ave.	1,200.00
Spruce Ave. construction	\$200.00
Sea-View Ave. construction	165.58

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCTS.—Con.

Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1925	Expenditures	Balances Dec. 31, '25	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '25
		2,502.31	207.69	
		1,635.78	64.22	
	12.50	190.36	9.64	
		273.66	26.34	
	25.84	146.71	3.29	
	9.50	25.00		
50.00		198.80	51.20	
	246.99	832.32	242.68	
		150.00		
		50.00		
		75.00		
	83.80	1,992.90	7.10	
	19.24	561.77	88.23	
		488.13	11.87	
		850.57		
		231.83	68.17	
			100.00	
		500.00		
4.50	27.97	1,202.98	1.52	
		1,490.63	9.37	
		1,250.00		
		1,600.00		100.00
		505.42		5.42
		1,517.35		317.35
		196.97	3.03	
		165.00	.58	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCTS.—Con.

	Balances	
	Jan. 1, 1925	Appropriations Transfers
Iron fence, Sea-View Ave.	1,000.00	
Bulkheads and bridges	1,000.00	
Harbor Master	150.00	
Bulkhead and waterfront construction	25,000.00	
Removal of snow	400.00	
Street lights	11,000.00	
Committee on street lights	.10	
CHARITIES:		
Support of poor	10,975.45	
State Aid	352.00	
Barbay Poor Fund income		
Soldiers' Relief	48.00	
EDUCATION:		
Schools—Salary of Committee	200.00	
Salary of Superintendent	850.00	
Salary of Physician	100.00	
Salary of Nurse	648.20	
Salary of teachers and expenses	22,146.32	
Unpaid bills, 1924	182.07	
Architect's plans, etc.	1,011.76	
Fire escape, school	3,500.00	
Public Library	1,050.00	
Library, special		
RECREATION:		
Public parks	600.00	
Special parks	3,000.00	
Sunset Lake and culvert	3,000.00	
Amusements	2,500.00	
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Claims	1,250.00	
Printing Town reports	250.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
State census		33.50

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCTS.—Con.

Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1925	Expenditures	Balances Dec. 31, '25	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '25
		987.25	12.75	
		753.66	246.34	
		150.00		
		25,000.00		
		197.50	202.50	
		7,753.50	3,246.50	
	.10			
	2,975.45	7,695.19	304.81	
		206.00	146.00	
97.15		97.15		
		44.00	4.00	
		200.00		
		850.00		
		100.00		
	8.20	607.00	33.00	
249.42	596.32	21,739.65	59.77	
		182.07		
		1,011.76		
			3,500.00	
			5.55	
15.00		1,044.45	15.00	
100.00			100.00	
		587.50	12.50	
		2,991.35	8.65	
		2,851.72	148.28	
		2,500.00		
	1,250.00			
		240.00	10.00	
		50.00		
		33.50		

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCTS.—Con.

	Balances Jan. 1, 1925	Appropriations	Transfers
Advertising		500.00	
Reserve Fund		1,000.00	
CEMETERIES:			
Care of cemeteries		1,012.28	
Rebuilding cemetery fence		700.00	
INTEREST:			
Interest		2,000.00	
TOWN DEBT:			
Temporary loans			
General loan	6,500.00		
AGENCY:			
State tax		6,360.00	
State highway repairs		477.40	
Auditing municipal accounts		609.82	
County tax		9,268.11	
Soldiers' exemption		†	15.19
TRUST:			
Barbay Poor Fund			
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund			
REFUNDS:			
State, corporation tax		†	1.07
Taxes, 1924, refund			
Taxes, 1925, protested check			
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	\$6,865.58	\$147,107.31	\$85.04

*Transferred from Reserve Fund.

‡Paid to Librarian for petty cash.

†Transferred from Surplus.

Following appropriations were made at annual Town meeting and rescinded at a later meeting:

Dredging Lake Anthony	\$5,000.00
School house construction	20,000.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCTS.—Con.

Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1925	Expenditures	Balances Dec. 31, '25	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '25
		500.00		
	*	68.21	931.79	
82.99	12.28	1,074.94	8.05	
		720.00		20.00
		1,926.28	73.72	
50,000.00		50,000.00		
1,000.00		6,200.00	1,300.00	
		6,360.00		
		477.40		
		609.82		
		9,268.11		
		15.19		
97.04		97.04		
200.00		200.00		
		1.07		
2.00		2.00		
145.50		145.50		
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\$52,063.60	\$5,702.65	\$186,153.05	\$14,644.18	\$446.51

Selectmen's Report

January 23, 1926.

The Board of Selectmen respectfully present the report of Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts, as the report of their department and for the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN L. PRATT,
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,
PERCY H. HOUSE,

Board of Selectmen.

Auditor's Report

State House, Boston, January 22, 1926.

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Norman L. Pratt, Chairman,
Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the Town of Oak Bluffs for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1925, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,

Director of Accounts,

Department of Corporations and Taxation,

State House, Boston.

Sir :

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Town of Oak Bluffs for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1925, and submit the following report thereon :

The financial transactions of the Town as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving money for the Town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked for the period covered by the audit.

The Treasurer's cash book was added and checked with the records in the several departments collecting money for the Town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the Town treasury. The disbursements were checked with the Selectmen's warrants authorizing them.

The cash balance December 31, 1925, was reconciled with the statement by the Martha's Vineyard National Bank. A discrepancy of \$14.67, showing on the previous audit, still remains outstanding and I recommend that this be settled during the current year.

I also again recommend that the Treasurer reconcile the bank account and prove the cash balance at the close of each month.

Appended to this report is a table showing a reconciliation of the Treasurer's cash.

In the early part of the year the State accounting system was re-established and the books were written up to March 31, 1925. Under the system the difficulties experienced in previous audits were eliminated.

The Accountant's ledger was added and the items entered thereon were checked with the warrants issued by the Selectmen and with the receipts as recorded on the Treasurer's books. The ledger was analyzed and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition as of December 31, 1925.

The accounts of the Collectors of Taxes for the years 1921 and 1922 were examined, it being found that, with the exception of abatements amounting to \$20.85 against the levy of 1922, the outstanding amount of these levies remains the same as at the close of the previous audit.

The accounts of the Collector of Taxes for the years 1923, 1924 and 1925 were examined and checked in detail. The commitment books were footed and reconciled, the cash books were footed, the recorded collections were checked with the items as entered on the commitment books, the payments to the Treasurer were checked with the amounts as shown by the Treasurer's books, and the abatements were checked to the record of the Assessors.

The outstanding tax accounts were listed and proved, being further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing

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money to the Town. From the replies received I am satisfied that the accounts as listed are correct.

Appended to this report are tables showing summaries of the tax accounts.

The appropriation accounts kept by the Town Accountant were checked with the Town Clerk's records of appropriations voted by the Town.

Under the present system of accounting the Accountant is able to prepare for the annual report the receipts and disbursements in classified form.

Together with overdrafts of several appropriations it was found that there are unpaid bills in the hands of the Accountant as follows:

Schools,	\$679.51
Cemeteries,	106.00

In this connection attention is again called to the following statutes pertaining to incurring liabilities in excess of appropriations:

Section 31, Chapter 44, of the General Laws: No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriations made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two-thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two-thirds of the Selectmen.

Chapter 253, Acts of 1922: Chapter forty-four of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section: Section 62.

Any city, town or district officer who knowingly violates, or authorizes or directs any official or employee to violate, any provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars; and the mayor, selectmen, prudential committee, or commissioners, shall, and five taxpayers may, report such violation to the district attorney who shall investigate and prosecute the same.

The Town Clerk's records of licenses issued for dogs and for hunting and fishing were examined, and the payments to the State and the County Treasurers were verified.

The records of fees collected by the Town Clerk, together with the licenses as issued by the Selectmen, were checked, and the payments to the Treasurer were checked to the records as shown on the Treasurer's books.

The accounts of the Sealer of Weights and Measures were examined and checked, the receipts being compared with payments to the Treasurer.

The records of the Librarian relative to receipts for fines, circulating fees, etc., were examined, and the payments to the Treasurer were compared with entries on the Treasurer's book.

The surety bonds given by the Treasurer, the Collector, and the Town Clerk for the faithful performance of their duties, were examined and found to be in proper form.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the Town Treasurer were examined and found to be as shown by

the Treasurer's accounts.

Tables showing the condition of the several funds are appended to this report.

For the hearty co-operation received and the courtesies extended by the several Town officials while engaged on the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

Chief Examiner.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash balance January 1, 1925...	\$4,734.00	
Receipts per Treasurer's cash book	198,778.33	
	<hr/>	\$203,512.33
Payments per Treasurer's cash book	\$186,153.05	
Cash balance December 31, 1925.	17,359.28	
	<hr/>	\$203,512.33
Balance per cash book.....		\$17,359.28
Bank balance	\$17,345.11	
Fees received by Town Clerk, 1924, not deposited.....	11.50	
Deposit January 10, 1925, less than receipts	1.00	
Unlocated difference	1.67	
	<hr/>	\$17,359.28

Bank balance December 31, 1925	\$17,345.11	
Checks outstanding per list.....	1,994.52	
	<hr/>	\$19,339.63

Bank balance, Vineyard Haven National Bank, per statement January 4, 1926.....	\$19,339.63
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TAXES, 1921

E. H. Matthews, Collector

Due from Collector January 1, 1925.....	\$79.35
Due from Collector December 31, 1925.....	\$79.35

TAXES, 1922

E. H. Matthews, Collector

Due from Collector January 1, 1925.....	\$231.98
Due from Collector December 31, 1925.....	\$231.98

TAXES, 1922

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Outstanding January 1, 1925.....	\$38.75
Abatements	\$20.85
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	17.90
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	\$38.75

TAXES, 1923

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Outstanding January 1, 1925....	\$729.80	
Abated after payment-adjusted..	4.50	
	<hr/>	\$734.30

Payments to Treasurer.....	\$31.50	
Taxes 1923, credited to taxes 1924	21.00	
Abatements	276.75	
Added to tax titles held by Town	346.50	
Due from Collector December 31, 1925	58.55	
		<hr/> \$734.30

TAXES, 1924

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Outstanding January 1, 1925....	\$16,864.25	
Additional commitment	35.10	
Duplicate abatement	2.00	
Abated in error	10.40	
Paid and abated-refunded.....	2.00	
Taxes of 1923 credited in error..	21.00	
		<hr/> \$16,934.75

Payments to Treasurer.....	\$15,580.53	
Abatements	769.50	
Added to tax titles held by Town	526.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list	30.05	
Due from Collector December 31, 1925	28.42	
		<hr/> \$16,934.75

TAXES, 1925

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Commitment per warrant.....	\$108,534.15
December commitment	564.00

Check protested	145.50	
Paid and abated—adjusted.....	18.00	
Abated in error—adjusted.....	21.05	
		—————\$109,282.70
Payments to Treasurer.....	\$96,449.45	
Abatements	1,331.65	
Outstanding December 31, 1925,		
per list	11,497.10	
Due from Collector.....	4.50	
		—————\$109,282.70

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses and permits issued:

Garage	\$2.00
Garage advertising	1.25
Dance permits	64.00
Carriage and baggage	61.00
Shellfish	10.00
Agents' and used car dealers'..	10.00
Junk dealer	25.00
Auctioneer	6.00
Checking	10.00
Shooting gallery	5.00
Sunday	75.00
Intelligence	2.00
Bowling	16.00
Theatre	150.00
Manicure	2.00

Pool	5.00	
Transient vendors'	367.00	
Innholders'	76.00	
Marriage intentions	22.00	
	<hr/>	\$909.25
Payments to Treasurer.....	\$903.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1925,		
per list	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$909.25

TOWN CLERK'S FEES

Cash on hand January 1, 1925...	\$1.00	
Fees received:		
Bills of sale.....	\$34.00	
Mortgages	42.50	
Mortgages discharged.	4.75	
Fish and game licenses	29.90	
Dog licenses	21.00	
	<hr/>	132.15
Miscellaneous receipts:		
Sale of adding machine	\$10.00	
Filing plans, etc.....	11.00	
	<hr/>	21.00
Overpayment to Treasurer.....	.60	
	<hr/>	\$154.75
Payments to Treasurer.....	\$143.50	
Cash on hand December 31, 1925	11.25	
	<hr/>	\$154.75

DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued:

88 males @ \$2.00.....	\$176.00	
17 females @ \$5.00.....	85.00	
	<hr/>	\$261.00

Payments to County Treasurer per cancelled checks:

June 3, 1925.....	\$114.00	
December 17, 1925....	126.00	
	<hr/>	\$240.00

Town Clerk's fees:

105 @ 20 cents.....	21.00	
	<hr/>	\$261.00

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Outstanding January 1, 1925....	\$6.00
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Licenses issued 1925:

49 resident citizen's combination @ \$2.00.....	98.00
50 resident citizen's hunting and trapping @ \$1.50	75.00
1 non-resident citizen's combination @ \$10.00	10.00
7 non-resident citizen's combination @ \$2.00..	14.00
2 non-resident citizen's hunting and trapping @ \$1.50	3.00

1 minor trapper's @ 25c	.25	
4 resident citizen's fishermen's @ \$1.00.....	4.00	
3 non-resident citizen's fishermen's @ \$2.00..	6.00	
2 non-resident citizen's fishermen's @ \$1.00...	2.00	
1 lobster fisherman's @ \$1.00	1.00	
	<hr/>	213.25
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		\$219.25

Payments to State Treasurer....	\$188.35	
Town Clerk's fees:		
123 @ 25 cents.....	\$30.75	
1 @ 15 cents.....	.15	
	<hr/>	30.90
		<hr/>
		\$219.25

Licenses issued January 1 to January 9, 1926:

45 resident citizen's sporting licenses @ \$2.25.....	\$101.25	
1 non-resident citizen's sporting license @ \$5.25	5.25	
1 non-resident citizen's trapping license @ \$5.25.....	5.25	
	<hr/>	\$111.75
Due State	\$100.00	
Town Clerk's fees	11.75	
	<hr/>	\$111.75

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees for sealing		\$27.14
Payments to Treasurer.....	\$27.12	
Due from Dealer .....	.02	
	<hr/>	\$27.14

LIBRARY

Received from fees and fines, 1925.....		\$347.72
Payments to Treasurer.....	\$335.80	
Cash on hand December 31, 1925.	11.92	
	<hr/>	\$347.72
Cash on hand January 1, 1926...	\$11.92	
Rceived from fees and fines Jan- uary 1 to January 8, 1926.....	.89	
	<hr/>	\$12.81
Cash on hand January 8, 1926, verified.....		\$12.81

ANNA K. BARBEY POOR FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year....	\$5,179.33	\$5,179.33
On hand at end of year.....	5,430.15	5,430.15

RECEIPTS

Bequests	\$97.04
Interest and income earned.....	250.93
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Total	\$347.97

 PAYMENTS

Paid to Town Treasurer for poor.....	\$97.15
Deposited in savings bank.....	250.82
Total	<u>\$347.97</u>

 REBECCA CLARK POOR FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year....	\$1,244.70	\$1,244.70
On hand at end of year.....	1,306.03	1,306.03

RECEIPTS

Interest and income earned.....	\$61.33
Total	<u>\$61.33</u>

PAYMENTS

Deposited in savings bank.....	\$61.33
Total	<u>\$61.33</u>

 ICHABOD NORTON FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year....	\$947.17	\$947.17
On hand at end of year.....	992.68	992.68

RECEIPTS

Interest and income earned.....	\$45.51
Total	<u>\$45.51</u>

 PAYMENTS

Deposited in savings bank.....	\$45.51
Total	\$45.51

 ANNA K. BARBEY SCHOOL FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year....	\$9,670.44	\$9,670.44
On hand at end of year.....	10,262.23	10,262.23

RECEIPTS

Interest and income earned:	
*1924	\$193.29
1925	398.50
Total	\$591.79

PAYMENTS

Deposited in savings bank.....	\$591.79
Total	\$591.79

 *July, 1924, not reported.

 SMITH-HUGHES FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year....	\$191.79	\$191.79
On hand at end of year.....

RECEIPTS

Interest on deposit	\$14.04
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Withdrawn	191.79
Total	\$205.83

PAYMENTS

Transferred to schools	\$191.79
Transferred to Town Treasurer	14.04
Total	\$205.83

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year....	\$2,181.53	\$2,181.53
On hand at end of year.....	2,404.55	2,404.55

RECEIPTS

Bequests		\$200.00
Interest and income earned:		
1924	\$5.54	
1925	100.47	106.01
Total		\$306.01

PAYMENTS

Paid to Town Treasurer	\$82.99
Deposited in savings bank	223.02
Total	\$306.01

TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1925

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In bank.....	\$17,345.11	
Cash discrepancy...	14.17	
	<hr/>	\$17,359.28
Library cash	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$17,374.28

Accounts Receivable:

E. H. Matthews, Collector:

Levy of 1921....	\$79.35	
Levy of 1922....	231.98	
	<hr/>	311.33

E. R. Frasier, Collector:

Levy of 1922....	\$17.90	
Levy of 1923....	58.55	
Levy of 1924....	58.47	
Levy of 1925....	11,501.60	
	<hr/>	11,636.52
	<hr/>	11,947.85

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

State Aid	206.00
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Departmental:

Town Hall	\$150.00	
Health Department	251.43	
Poor Department	400.00	
	<hr/>	801.43

Tax Titles held by Town.....	2,316.10
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Overdrawn Accounts:

Overlay of 1923.....	\$34.50	
Overlay of 1924	6.65	
Selectmen's Salaries and Ex-		
penses	3.79	
Resurfacing Atlantic Avenue..	100.00	
Grading and oiling Dukes Coun-		
ty Avenue	5.42	
Concreting Wamusetta Avenue..	317.35	
Rebuilding cemetery fence.....	20.00	
	<hr/>	487.71
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		\$33,133.37

LIABILITIES

Appropriation balances:

Town Hall repairs.....	\$2,200.00	
Surveyor's Expenses	100.00	
Fire Escape—School	3,500.00	
Library Special	100.00	
Sunset Lake Culvert.....	148.28	
Maturing Debt	1,300.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,348.28
Surplus War Bonus		691.04
Library—Petty Cash		15.00
Overlay, 1925		457.40
Departmental Revenue		1,007.43
Tax Title Rvenue		2,316.10
Surplus Revenue		21,298.12
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		\$33,133.37

DEBT ACCOUNTS

RECEIPTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt.....	\$29,800.00
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	\$29,800.00

LIABILITIES

New York Avenue Loan.....	\$1,000.00
Sea View Avenue Loan.....	8,800.00
Sidewalk Loan	1,000.00
Bulkhead and Water Front Loan.....	19,000.00
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	\$29,800.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities.....	\$20,395.64
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	\$20,395.64

RECEIPTS

Anna K. Barbey Poor Fund.....	\$5,430.15
Ichabod Norton Poor Fund.....	992.68
Rebecca Clark Poor Fund.....	1,306.03
Anna K. Barbey School Fund.....	10,262.23
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds.....	2,404.55
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	\$20,395.64

Town Clerk's Report

RETURN OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1925

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
Jan. 3	Audrey Mae White	F	Leonard G. and Clara
" 13	Ella May Joy	F	Eugene and Eva L.
" 18	Rosalie Leonard	F	Edwin T. and Rosalie
" 23	Richard Allen Gale	M	Allen and Mary
Feb. 6	— Duart	F	Joseph F. and Francis
" 7		M	
" 9	Edward P. Schoffstall	M	William F. and Irene
" 16	John Duart	M	Manuel P. and Rosa G.
" 16	Agnes Duart	F	" " "
March 3	Helen M. Bettencourt	F	Antone and Dorothy
" 6	Joseph White	M	Antone and Mary
" 7	Stillborn	F	
" 17		M	
" 29	Madeline F. Reynolds	F	James R. and Beatrice
" 31	Mary Alexander	F	Manuel P. and Mary L.
" 31	Stillborn	F	
April 24	Lois Gaines Tilton	F	Percy G. and Rachel L.
May 3	— Pimental	M	Adelino and Mary F.
" 5	Elizabeth F. Manter	F	Daniel and Lillian
" 15	Anthony Estrella	M	Manuel W. and Mary
" 15	— Metell	M	Joseph and Rita
" 19	Walter Hume Renear	M	Leland W. and Mary B.
" 21	Adelbert E. Colby	M	William A. and Alvina F.
June 1	Charles P. Madison	M	Nehemiah and Sarah
" 3	— Ripley	M	Dean H. and Katherine
" 8	Jean Carolyn Norton	F	Kenneth E. and Helena
" 10	Shirley Ruth Rogers	F	Otis A. and Mary E.
July 5	Joseph R. Fragoza	M	Manuel F. and Angeline F.
" 7	— Coleman	F	Wilbur F. and Marie
" 12	Barbara Phillips	F	Rowley W. and Harriette S.
" 18	Henry R. Hart	M	Donald R. and Elsie R.
" 26	George B. Santos	M	Manuel J. and Mary
" 27	Alphonsus Romero, Jr	M	Manuel A. and Mary A.
Aug. 8	Philip J. Sylvia	M	John A. and Anna

BIRTHS—Continued

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
Aug. 9	Paul L. Johnson	M	Lawrence A. and Carrie M.
" 21	Eleanor Marthinson	F	Charles and Mabel
" 26	Nelson W. Amaral	M	William K. and Nellie
Sept. 19	Virginia Gorham	F	Standish and Aimee
" 21	Ruth V. DeBettencourt	F	John A. and Marion J.
" 27	— Mavro	M	Carmel and Mary
" 28	Henry F. Bernard	M	Francis H. and Mary E.
Oct. 4	Malcolm M. Glover	M	Thomas C. and Sadie A.
" 8	William Oliver	M	Victor J. and Mary
" 15	John Allen	M	John M. and Mary L.
" 16	George A. Smith	M	Ralph and Rosanna
" 19	Stella W. Ryan	F	Charles W. and Bessie
" 22	Barbara L. Tilton	F	Donald E. and Alice
" 24	Manuel Rodericks }	M	Manuel and Mary
	Louis Rodericks }	M	Manuel and Mary
Nov. 10	Nancy L. West	F	Robert S. and Alice A.
Dec. 2	Herbert Powell	M	Howard C. and Laura
" 14	— Gibbs	M	Arthur B. and Helen

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
Feb. 23	Samuel W. Osborn	22	Edgartown
	Ruth E. Webb	19	Oak Bluffs
April 20	Francis H. Bernard	22	" "
	Mary E. Ferierra	20	Edgartown
" 27	John Augustus Pachico	21	Tisbury
	Marjorie Lewis	25	"
May 1	Clarence W. Norton	28	Oak Bluffs
	Dorothy May Vincent	21	Edgartown
" 7	Manuel V. Santos, Jr.	19	"
	Mary Butler Swartz	20	Tisbury
July 22	Charles J. Cullen	22	Oak Bluffs
	Joy Dorothy Joyce	20	" "
Sept. 9	Roland Oliver Watson	29	Chicago, Illinois
	Hazel Arline Dowley	29	Oak Bluffs
" 12	Oran T. Henley	21	Edgartown
	Annie M. Coulie	22	Oak Bluffs
" 25	Richard L. Pease	25	" "
	Minette Saylor	22	" "
Oct. 2	William S. Cash	63	Hyannis, Massachusetts
	Abbie A. Hall	63	Oak Bluffs
" 6	George Henry Clark	43	" "
	Bertha Linwood Eddy	37	" "
" 7	John D. Baird	71	" "
	Mary G. Payne	55	" "
" 9	Harold Wadsworth	25	" "
	Mildred E. Bunker	26	" "
" 10	John Henry Randolph	20	" "
	Mildred L. H. Harris	26	" "
" 26	Frank R. Medeiros	21	" "
	Eva Lavoie	28	Westport, Massachusetts
" 26	George Packish	23	Edgartown
	Annie Amaral	18	Oak Bluffs
Nov. 11	Joseph A. Bernard	18	" "
	Mary A. Keane	23	" "
" 14	John DaCosta	55	" "
	Aida Roderignes	39	New Bedford, Massachusetts
" 24	Frank Sylvia Rogers	26	Edgartown
	Gertrude Rose Hurley	22	Oak Bluffs
" 28	Wilfred Armand Barriault	19	Edgartown
	Zilla May Creightney	21	Oak Bluffs
" 28	Raymond S. Aruo	20	" "
	Lillian R. Macdonald	18	" "
Dec. 29	George C. W. Frye	20	" "
	Ruth E. Manning	20	Gay Head

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D	
Jan. 7	Edmund R. Bernard	19	10	5	Eucephalitis
Feb. 7	Isabella W. Donald	70	4	29	Carcinoma of Orbit
" 10				3	Congenital Cardiac Defect
March 7					Stillborn
" 17	Lee Lyman Farnham	75	10	19	Chronic Endarteritis
" 20	Justina F. Carter	87	2	6	Pneumonia
" 28	Anna M. Olin	33	10	2	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
" 29	Julia P. Cardoza	66	3	11	Carcinoma of Gall Bladder
" 31					Stillborn
April 6	Mary Louise DeSilvia	80			Cerebral Hemorrhage
May 5	Ann Francis Freeman	89	7	28	Senility
" 8	Mary J. Mendence	66	7	1	Carcinoma of Stomach
" 9	Mary Ann Hamblin	86	8	23	Arterio Sclerosis
" 13	Emily H. Rice	78	11	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 15	Walter Stephenson	38	3	6	Sudden Death
" 31	Reuben J. Griffin	56	7	11	Acute Indigestion
June 6	Jane Raymond	87		28	Valvular Heart Disease
" 20	Margaret P. Gough	76	1	11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
July 3	Charles S. Mansfield	56	10	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage
" 14	Ella F. B. Fennessy	80	8	3	Chronic Interstitial Nephritis
" 17	Sarah Allen Pease	97	3	4	Arterio Sclerosis
" 18	Arthur A. Brigham	68	6	10	Carcinoma of Bladder
" 21	Mary Ryan	51			Septicemia
" 23	Florence M. Winans	50			Diabetes Coma
" 23	Albert E. Reed	68	9	5	Carcinoma of Pancreas
" 26	Mary S. Santos	20	5	2	Puerperal Hemorrhage
" 27	Martha J. Hall	88	7	25	Fracture of Hip and Wrist
Aug. 6	Charlotte W. Daggett	92		7	Carcinoma of Breast
" 11	Vivian Welch	2		14	Broncho Pneumonia
" 13	Walter B. Burrell	65			Miliary Tuberculosis
" 14	Mary A. Walsh	27	2	16	Pneumococcus Meningitis
" 16	Isabel Selkirk	86	2	9	Obstruction of Bowels
" 18	Francis A. Norris	74		18	Chronic Heart Disease
" 22	Joseph M. Cardoza	71			Pernicious Anemia
" 31	Bessie Eysel Knight	59	2	1	Diabetes Coma
Sept. 1	Ezekiel H. Matthews	82	5	24	Chronic Cystitis
" 4	Willard A. Cummings	81	8	27	Cancer of Bladder
" 21	Sophia Ann Walker	89			Arterio Sclerosis
" 21	Philip Welch		11	17	Broncho Pneumonia
" 24	Virginia Gorham			5	Premature Birth
" 25	Belle H. Lowe	50	2	5	Chronic Nephritis
" 26	Aimee Gorham	27	8	28	Caesarean Section
Oct. 4	Lizzie F. Warren	70	3	28	Chronic Heart Disease
" 5	Susan N. Smith	75	4	26	Stokes Adams Disease
" 14	Charles G. Flanders	61	7	2	Arterio Sclerosis
" 25	George Albert Smith			9	Premature Birth
Nov. 18	Hilda Caton	6	8	8	Peritonitis
Dec. 20	Lyman Vinto	66	2	12	Pyelonephritis
" 26	Hepsie N. Look	69	11	18	Cerebral Thrombosis

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

The following are the Statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths recorded during 1925:

Births

Females	20
Males	32
Total number	52

Marriages

Total number	22
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Deaths

Total number	49
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DOG TAX ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1925

88 Males at \$2.00	\$176.00
17 Females at \$5.00	85.00
Total	<u>\$261.00</u>
105 Clerks fees at 20 cents	\$ 21.00
Paid County Treasurer	240.00
Paid Town Treasurer	<u>21.00</u>
Total	\$261.00

JOHN MILLER.

Town Clerk.

Public Library

To the Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:—I hereby submit my report as Librarian of Oak Bluffs Public Library from January 1st, 1925, to December 31st, 1925.

I am pleased to report that our circulation of books, both adult and juvenile, continues to be very good. The record of the output of books during the year shows that 10,801 have been circulated.

Aside from the free shelf circulation, people have shown very gratifying interest in the pay circulation of new fiction. The loan of books in this department has been very good.

New encyclopedias and reference books have been recently added to the Library and it is hoped the school may be greatly benefited through the use of them.

Interest is shown by the generous gifts of books and magazines which we have received.

Miss Alice House	4
Richard Hayden	3
Mrs. C. D. Seeberger.....	8
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Rausch.....	1
Mrs. George Stratton.....	7

Mrs. J. H. Brown.....	1
Mrs. Pearl Hart.....	9
Mrs. Freda Schwemmler.....	1
Paul Hart	1
Ted Cox	7
Allen Horne	1
Gladys Macafee	1
Master Pillsbury	2
Mr. W. T. Adams.....	5
E. C. Smith	2
Mrs. Earl Dow	37
Serena Gonsalves	9
Mr. Percy C. Miller.....	2
Misses Kate and Margaret MacNeill..	10
Mrs. E. G. Eldridge, <i>Woman's Home Companion</i> .	
Mr. Percy C. Miller, <i>Atlantic Monthly</i> .	
Dr. H. T. Dean, <i>Youth's Companion and Child Life</i> .	
Mrs. George Stratton, <i>Farm and Fireside and Needle-</i> <i>craft</i> .	

In conclusion I desire to express my sincere appreciation of the fine interest and help given me by the Trustees. It is a pleasure to serve and work with them and also with those fine people who are interested in the work of the Library. I wish to thank all who have so generously helped and rendered favors during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LENA F. ESTEY,

Librarian.

Report of Finance Committee

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR 1926

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$15.00
Selectmen, Salaries	\$600.00	
Expenses	275.00	
		<hr/> 875.00
Treasurer, Salary	\$400.00	
Expenses	75.00	
		<hr/> 475.00
Collector, Salary	\$750.00	
Expenses	200.00	
		<hr/> 950.00
Assessors, Salaries	\$450.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		<hr/> 700.00
Accountant, Salary		2,000.00
Town Counsel, Salary	\$75.00	
Expenses	25.00	
		<hr/> 100.00
Town Clerk, Expenses		300.00
Board of Registrars, Salaries...	\$100.00	
Expenses	250.00	
		<hr/> 350.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Chief of Police, Salary.....	\$1,500.00	
Patrolmen, Salaries	1,200.00	
Night Watch, Salary.....	1,460.00	
Police Expenses	200.00	
	<hr/>	4,360.00
Dog Officer		5.00
Fire Department:		
Board of Engineers, Salaries..	\$50.00	
Clerk of Engineers, Salary....	50.00	
Firemen, Salaries	800.00	
	<hr/>	900.00
Hydrant rental		2,710.00
Superintendent of Fire Alarm.	\$50.00	
Care of batteries	150.00	
Steward, Steamer House.....	35.00	
Steward, Hose No. 1.....	35.00	
Steward, Hose No. 2.....	25.00	
Steward, Hose No. 4.....	25.00	
Fuel and lights	250.00	
Contingent expenses	810.00	
New boxes	300.00	
Hose and chemicals	700.00	
	<hr/>	2,380.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures,		
Salary	\$100.00	
Expenses	50.00	
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Tree Warden		25.00
Moth suppression		500.00
Shellfish Constable, Salary.....		50.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salary.....	\$75.00	
Agent of Health Board, Salary...	150.00	
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		225.00
Expenses		1,400.00
Collection of swill, garbage and rubbish.....		1,500.00
Care of dumps		600.00
Inspector of Animals		50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering		75.00
Public sanitarries		500.00
Street cleaning		850.00
Cleaning catch basins		300.00

HIGHWAYS

Repairs to concrete		1,500.00
Repairs to dirt roads		1,500.00
Resurfacing Highland Boulevard		2,000.00
Bulkheads and bridges		1,000.00
Iron pipe fence and seats (from Town Pier to sea wall)		1,500.00
Removal of snow		200.00
Street lighting		9,000.00
Harbor Master, Salary	\$50.00	
Expenses	100.00	
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		150.00

CHARITIES

Support of poor	8,000.00
State Aid	206.00
Soldiers' Relief	48.00

INTEREST AND TOWN DEBT

Interest		2,500.00
Debt	\$4,108.96	
Soldiers' War Bonus Surplus (to be applied by vote)	691.04	
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		4,800.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

School Committee, Salary	\$150.00	
School Committee, Secretary, Sal.	50.00	
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		200.00
School Superintendent, Salary		850.00
School Physician		100.00
School Nurse		640.00
Teachers' Salaries and Expenses.....	22,550.00	
Unpaid bills of 1925.....		679.51
Public Library		1,050.00

RECREATION AND CEMETERIES

Public Parks	600.00
Special Parks	3,000.00
To improve Naushon Park.....	200.00
Sunset Lake culvert.....	600.00
Care of cemeteries	900.00
Unpaid bills of 1925.....	106.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Reports	250.00
Memorial Day	35.00
Advertising (under direction of Board of Trade)	500.00
Amusements (under direction of Board of Trade)	2,500.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Rent of Strand Theatre	300.00
Overlay, 1923	34.50
Overlay, 1924	6.65
Overdrafts of Appropriation, 1925.....	449.64

The Finance Committee also recommend:

The grading of the bank and placing of steps on the North Bluffs, between steamboat wharf and jetties.

That improvement be made on Naushon Park.

That improvement be made on Niantic Park by rebuilding tennis courts, making children's playground and taking care of the surface water on Tabernacle Avenue.

That the two lots of land on the North Bluffs, belonging to David C. Seagar, be taken by eminent domain for public park purposes.

That the title to the land south of steamboat wharf and town pier, be investigated.

That lights be placed on Nashawena Park, similar to those on Waban Park.

That the Town Clerk serve without salary and all fees received be placed in the Town treasury.

That the Town establish a Planning Board.

That fire escapes be placed on the school building in accordance with vote taken at annual meeting, 1925.

That collection of ashes and rubbish be made once a week during winter.

JOHN B. BILLINGS,

Chairman.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Dukes County, ss.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs:

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Strand Theatre, in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, the Second day of February, A. D. 1926, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following named articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named officers:
A Town Clerk, for one year.

A Selectman and Overseer of the Poor, for three years.

A Treasurer, for one year.

A Collector of Taxes, for one year.

A Member of the School Committee, for three years.

A Member of the Cemetery Committee, for three years.

A Park Commissioner, for three years.

A Chief of Police, for one year.

A Night Watchman, for one year.

Two Constables, for one year.

A Tree Warden, for one year.

The polls for the reception of votes for the aforesaid officers will be open at eight o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, February 3, 1926, and will close at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless a later hour be determined upon by the meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear the reports of Selectmen and other boards and Committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and appropriations for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations of the same as recommended by the finance committee.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see if the town will direct the assessors to remit all taxes as cannot in their judgment be collected.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the collector to use all means of collecting the taxes that a town treasurer when appointed collector may use.

Article 9. To see if the town will pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1927, in anticipation of

the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1927, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1927.

Article 11. To see if the town will place a street light on Franklin street, near the residence of John J. Pinheiro.

Article 12. To see if the town will place three or more street lights on County Road, from Peter Winters' gate to Eastville avenue.

Article 13. To see if the town will place six lights on Nashawena park, similar to those on Waban park. as petitioned for and recommended by the finance committee.

Article 14. To see what action the town will take relative to moving the Soldier's Monument to a more suitable location.

Article 15. To see what action the town will take relative to procuring and placing in a suitable place a World War Memorial [and Honor Roll.] (By request of the Governor Mayhew Post, American Legion.)

Article 16. To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to renew the lease of the old Town Hall to the Governor Mayhew Post, American Legion. (By request of the American Legion.)

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to accept Richmond avenue, as laid out by the selectmen.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to accept Winemack street, as laid out by the selectmen.

Article 19. To see what action the town will take relative to providing more school accommodation.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to instruct the school committee to proceed to place fire escapes on the school building in accordance with the vote and appropriation for the same passed at the annual meeting of 1925. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 21. To see if the town will vote that the Town Clerk receive no salary and that Clerk's fees received be turned into the town treasury. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 22. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the improvement of Naushon Park. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 to improve Niantic park by rebuilding the tennis courts, making playground for children and taking care of the surface water on Tuckernuck avenue. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to grade the bank and place steps on the North Bluffs, between the Steamboat wharf and the jetties. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to instruct the park commissioners to take by eminent domain, for public park purposes, the two lots of land on the

North Bluffs said lots numbered 98 and 100 Circuit avenue, now owned by David C. Seagar. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 26. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to cover the cost of taking by eminent domain the two lots of land owned by David C. Seagar, as described in Article 25. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to instruct the park commissioners to take the necessary steps toward the acquiring, for public park purposes, all of the parks as laid out and designated on the plan of the Vineyard Grove Company.

Article 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for attorney's fees, to investigate the title to the land South of the Steamboat Wharf and extending to the Town Pier and lying between Sea View avenue and low water mark. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to accept Sections 132 to 136 inclusive, Chapter 140, General Laws, relative to smoke nuisance.

Article 30. To see whether the town will vote to establish a planning board in accordance Chapter 41, Sections 70 to 72 inclusive of the General Laws, or to act in any other manner thereon. (Recommended by the finance committee.)

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to accept Sections 1 and 2 of Chapter 139, General Laws, relative to dangerous buildings.

Article 32. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$20,000.00 for the purpose of rebuilding New York and Lake Avenues, beginning at a point near the residence of Frederick W. Smith, and to meet said appropriation that there be raised in the levy of the current year the sum of \$1,000.00 and that the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$19,000.00 and to issue a note or notes therefor said note or notes to be payable in accordance with Section 19, Chapter 44, General Laws. So that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than five years from the date of the first note, or at such earlier date as the selectmen and treasurer may determine. (Recommended by the finance committee.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to pay its proportionate part of the cost of building the old County road from Tisbury to Edgartown. Said work to be done by the Dept. of Public Works.

Article 34. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be used in co-operation with the monies appropriated by the State and County in building the road as described in Article 33.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to instruct the assessors to use free cash in the treasury when determining the tax rate for the current year.

Article 36. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to take care of the surface water at the junction of Shawmut and Vineyard Avenues.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be posted in three public places in the town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place specified.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of January, A. D. 1926.

NORMAN L. PRATT,	}	Selectmen of Oak Bluffs.
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,		

Pursuant to above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in this warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

Attest:

EDWARD E. SILVEY, Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 25, 1926.

ANNUAL
SCHOOL REPORT



1925



Report of School Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of
Oak Bluffs:

We have the honor to submit the following report:

Once more we are reminded that "Time flies." We have passed the quarter of a century ending with the year 1925 and have crossed the threshold of the first year of a new quarter of a century, 1926 to 1950. As we look backward we compare the present standing of our schools, especially the High School, with that of the year 1916 or thereabouts, and we perceive a wonderful improvement in the opportunities offered the students of today. We recall that in 1916 so few entered the High School that the idea of giving up the High School studies was seriously considered by the Committee. Fortunately it was decided to postpone action at that time. Now, we have great reason to feel proud of the Oak Bluffs High School. The number entering the High School has increased yearly. There has been an awakening as to the value of an education among the present students with the result that they are doing excellent work. They have learned the lesson of the old maxim that "there is no royal road to learning." The re-

sult is that having realized this, they are applying their time and thought to work and to concentration on the problems set before them, with the result that good work is being done by teachers and students. Your Committee have put forth honest effort to give every opportunity possible for a good education to the students and pupils of our public schools, and to provide for them a good corps of teachers. We have reason to think that our teachers are doing good, conscientious work all along the line. It would please the teachers and Committee if the parents would visit the schools, especially rooms in which their children attend, that they may see for themselves how child and teacher co-operate.

The reports of the Superintendent, Principal and other heads of departmental work are so explicit there is little for your Committee to add except to call your attention to the new building, erected by the students, for the "Vocational" Department, under the direction and supervision of their instructor, Mr. Charles G. Sharpe. The boys who did this work have reason to feel proud of the effort put forth and they will always have a special interest in that structure because they built it and because of the expense saved for the Town by their labor, amounting to a large sum of money if done by a regular contractor. This building will soon pay for itself, in the saving of one hundred dollars each year, in the amount paid yearly for rent of the former workroom. In future years the students who put forth the effort and worked so happily and willingly to perform the labor necessary to erect such a building, may point to it with pride, and say, "*We built that work-*

shop when we were students in the High School." The Committee appreciate the honest effort they made, and Mr. Sharpe and his "boys" deserve the thanks of the citizens of the Town. To do the work that will be taught within the walls of the new workshop in the near future, some suitable machinery will be necessary to do real practical work and save time in accomplishing good results. This is one of the greatest improvements made for the education of the boys, along vocational lines, and in connection with their school studies. The report of the Household Arts Department, under the instruction of Miss Elizabeth Bourne is most interesting and her account of the work being done in the "cottage home" speaks well for the growth of that department of vocational work.

The report of the School Nurse shows the necessity of such supervision, and the health of the pupil is the result to be looked for, when parents co-operate. Your Committee wish to thank the citizens of the Town for their willingness to co-operate with them for the advancement of education in our public schools and for their co-operation with the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN,
(Mrs.) MINNIE E. VINCENT,
ETHEL BARNEY,

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit for your consideration my annual report as Superintendent of Schools. Included in this report are reports from: Principal, Household Art teacher, Manual Training Teacher, Music Supervisor, and School Nurse, to which I call your attention for details.

Our most pressing need at present is more room. A study of the birth records shows that our entering classes will increase in size for some years to come. What are we to do about the matter?

Last year we recommended, and the Town voted, to add two rooms to the present building. Owing to the many changes that the State would require in the present building, should we build an addition, we could not do the work with the \$20,000 appropriated. A special Town meeting called to raise additional money voted to defer all action till the matter could be further considered. I think this was a wise procedure and I now suggest that the School Committee or some other special committee be instructed to submit plans and estimates for a new building, either

to take care of all or part of our school. I think some definite plan should be adopted very soon. My suggestion is an entire new building with a large gymnasium—this gymnasium to be an auditorium that could be used for a Town community center and we know that we are sadly in need of such a hall. I suggest this plan of procedure: after deciding upon a plan, build for the present the gymnasium and rooms enough to take care of the High School. This would take care of our present needs and we could finally complete the plan at some future time. Looking forward to this I think it would be wise to secure more land adjoining that already owned by the Town. The time to do this is now while there are still vacant lots to be had. There is a block of several lots with vacant buildings on School Street east of the present building that also should be secured. This property is now in the hands of an administrator and is for sale.

I am asked many times during the year for facts in regard to the other schools in the district and I have prepared a table of comparative statistics. The reader will find much, possibly, to interest him and he can make his own comparisons and deductions. The last column shows the relative standing this Town has among the 355 towns and cities in the State as regards the amount raised for every \$1,000 of the 1924 assessed valuation.

ISLAND STATISTICS 1924 — 1925

	Children, 5-16	Elementary Pupils	High School Pupils	Per cent of Attendance	Spent for Elementary Schools	Spent for High Schools	Spent for School Committee and Superintendent	Received from State Supt. of Schools	Received from State, Elementary School	Received from State, High School	Net Amount Raised by Taxation	Amount Spent per Pupil from Local Taxation	Amount Spent per Pupil per \$1000 Valuation	State Rank on School Tax
Gay Head	25	18	9	92	\$1056.00	\$2278.00	\$206.00	\$96.67	\$601.05	\$2706.50	\$1313.84	\$50.53	\$13.26	33
Chilmark	40	17	5	94	4351.47	1059.40	236.74	193.33	706.33	289.30	3162.51	95.83	6.48	325
West Tisbury	55	*70	13	90	3881.16	3834.08	490.79	290.00	661.40	636.00	5984.07	78.46	9.05	204
Tisbury	266	190	*88	92	12310.75	8560.02	1115.30	483.33	2017.50	.....	17412.05	73.78	3.93	333
Oak Bluffs	272	276	44	89	13401.09	7380.42	1181.10	483.33	1627.50	.....	19235.40	70.98	5.40	342
Edgartown	202	179	58	89	12167.53	5394.98	1212.43	386.67	1513.88	.....	17190.91	78.14	5.80	332

*Chilmark had 11 elementary pupils in West Tisbury School.
In Tisbury High School there were 27 out-of-town pupils.

In conclusion I wish to thank the citizens, committee, teachers, and pupils for the fine spirit of co-operation given me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. MARTIN,
Superintendent of Schools.

Principal's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 5, 1926.

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my third annual report of the Oak Bluffs schools.

The daily attendance during the fall term has been very good, as may be seen from the table of statistics for the month of December, 1925, which is a typical month.

The total enrollment is 299 pupils and since the capacity of the building is only 225 pupils, we have a serious condition of overcrowding in several rooms. Something must be done to lessen this overcrowding very soon.

This year the students of the two upper classes of the High School have charge of the opening exercises; one student taking charge each day and is entirely responsible for whatever program is given. These students have shown great interest in this, and we have enjoyed some very fine exercises.

Through the Division of Public Libraries of the State Department of Education the teachers are able to secure books written by authorities on educational subjects. All

of the Oak Bluffs teachers are doing professional improvement work by availing themselves of this opportunity.

Each year the Principal takes this opportunity to extend again to the parents and friends of the children an invitation to visit the school.

If more parents would do this a greater interest would be created and more ambition might be instilled into the young people.

Of the six graduates of June, 1925, only one, Evelyn Ben David, is continuing her education. Miss Ben David is attending Bay Path Institute at Springfield, Massachusetts, where she is training for a teacher of commercial subjects, and is doing very fine work.

Owing to a widening of the curriculum, the Principal is teaching more periods per day than he has done for the past two years. Perhaps some of this time could be used to better advantage for more supervision in the lower grades.

I wish to thank the parents, whom I have always found eager and willing to support and aid me, and to express my appreciation of the work of the teachers and the support of the School Committee and the Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. JORDAN,

Principal.

Vocational Instructor's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 8, 1926.

Mr. R. W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,
Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Dear Sir:

A radical and very helpful change in class formation was instituted at the opening of the school year in vocational work. Previously, each boy came to the shop for a very short period each day. This resulted in considerable confusion and lack of personal work with the instructor.

This year 23 boys of the seventh and eighth grades were divided into five groups, each group reporting for a full afternoon once a week. This results in better and more work on the part of the student and greater personal attention to the student on the part of the instructor.

The first work of the school year consisted in building individual work benches and shelves, etc. This was necessary, due to the old equipment having been dismantled last June in anticipation of a move into new quarters.

October 13, lumber was provided for constructing a building 18 feet wide and 30 feet long. On December 14, the new building, though not finished, was in shape to move into. A total of 152 hours of student labor had accomplished this and compares very favorably with work which would be required from professional carpenters. The work of finishing is rapidly progressing and we will soon have a building, erected entirely by student labor, which this community may well be proud of.

This type of work is strangely self-motivated and of such proven worth that more should be planned for. The boys are eagerly looking forward to the installation of small power wood-working units. The installation of power equipment will enable work to be turned out of such high grade as to have a real economic value, thus placing the work of the department on a productive basis. Work like this is well worthy of full support by the community.

It is well to note that this building also is furnishing a well-lighted, cheerful class room and laboratory for the High School sciences.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. SHARPE,

Vocational Instructor.

Report of Supervisor of Home Economics

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 8, 1925.

Superintendent R. W. Martin,

Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my second annual report of the Household Arts Department. The program is as follows:

Fifth grade: Sewing, 1 period a week; 13 girls.

Sixth grade: Sewing, 1 period a week; 17 girls.

Seventh grade: Sewing, 3 periods a week; 14 girls.

Seventh grade: Cooking, 2 periods a week; 14 girls.

Eighth grade: Sewing, 3 periods a week; 9 girls.

Eighth grade: Cooking, 4 periods a week; 9 girls.

High School Vocational Course: Clothing, 21½ hours per week; 5 girls.

The fifth graders as beginners are learning the fundamentals of sewing. They have made bean bags and holders and have started to hem dish towels. By the end of this year they will have had the principal stitches and a few simple constructions.

The sixth grade has had one year elementary sewing. The first term of this year has also been devoted to hand sewing. They are now learning to use the sewing machine.

The seventh grade girls have made aprons, underwear and Christmas projects. In cooking they have learned the principles of cooking and housework. They are working on the meal basis; that is, learning to plan meals, then cooking and serving each part of a meal and finally cooking and serving a whole meal. They eat this meal at lunch time and are charged for the cost of the materials, usually ten or fifteen cents. The class has already had the breakfast project and next term they will take the luncheon project.

The eighth grade sewing class has completed twenty garments. In cooking they have double periods two days a week. These girls also work on the meal basis and have finished the breakfast project and part of the luncheon project. They have also had food preservation and candy making. Next term they will take up the dinner project. As this is the last year of Household Arts for these girls unless they go into the Vocational course in High School, I am trying to give them a general training in home making which will enable them to keep house if they are ever called upon to do so. ♪

The High School or Vocational course is composed of three seniors and two girls from the seventh grade who are over fourteen years. In this class the girls devote one-half of their school time to Household Arts and related subjects such as arithmetic, nutrition, textiles, etc.

In clothing the class have completed fifty-two articles. One hour each week has been given to the study of textiles to help the girls to become better acquainted with materials and their manufacture. The remainder of the year costume design will be taken in this period.

Their work in foods has covered food preservation, meal preparation and marketing, budgets, candy making. These girls also work on the meal basis, having completed the breakfast project and luncheon project. Next term they will work on the dinner, which will include bread-making, meat cookery, salads and desserts. Beside working in school these girls are expected to do Home Project Work, which gives them real practical experience.

Friday afternoon is given to Home Management. This is mostly practical work such as cleaning the cottage, making necessary repairs and painting. The Household Arts cottage is a very practical place for the study of home making because it is a real house and the girls meet real problems which they would not get in a laboratory.

There are four 4-H Food Clubs and one clothing club with about fifty members enrolled in Oak Bluffs this year.

The girls have shown a great deal of interest in Household Arts. I have been especially pleased with the work of the High School class, the willing way in which they respond and the responsibility which they take.

We wish that the townspeople and especially the mothers would visit the cottage and see what is being done by the girls.

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH BOURNE.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Robert W. Martin,

Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit my first Music report.

The music in the schools on the Island is progressing as well as one could expect in most cases. In all the first grades, note songs have been taught, as a background on which to build the child's musical education and also as a reference in studying new work. Rythm and interpretation are stressed particularly in the first grades, and also, of course, in all the other grades.

Beginning in the second grade, staff notation is begun, and sight reading emphasized throughout all the grades. the technicalities of the subject are mastered, so that when the children reach the Junior High, sight reading is fairly well developed and a much greater time may be devoted to the chorus work. Three and four-part songs are being sung by the students of the Junior High, and the time spent on the rudiments of music is much less than the time spent on interpretation.

Some very good work is being done by the High Schools. There, the weekly chorus period is devoted to the studying of three and four-part choruses, among which

are the music classics, folk songs, patriotic songs, and community songs. Interpretation is especially stressed in this work.

In the rural schools, the same ground is covered in music as in the other schools, from the first through the eighth grades. As the classes are smaller, there is more time at each weekly visit for individual work, which does, of course, fix the important points more firmly in the pupil's mind. On the whole, the music in these schools is very good.

The aim of the public school music is *not* to exploit the child's voice, but to *preserve* it, and through the singing of beautiful songs, and the study of them, to make the child able to appreciate the best in music.

I would like to thank Mr. Martin, Mr. Jordan, and all the teachers for their co-operation in every way, and the students for the manner in which they have "taken hold" of the work to be done.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTANCE M. FORT,

Music Supervisor.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

The following is my report for the year 1925: School visits, 94; home visits, 155; telephone calls, 24.

The yearly examination has been made by the School Physician, Dr. E. P. Worth, the defects noted and children having same are to be given an examination once a month to determine results.

Dr. Clement Ameral made an examination of the teeth. Here I would say that home visits were made to every family where children were found to have defective teeth. I am able to report that about 95 children have been seen by dentists on the Island. This is most encouraging and I hope that more parents will follow this example.

Of the 299 children having been given the eye test 17 were found defective. I am sorry to report that only seven of these have received attention. Ears examined, 299; found defective, 13, with no corrections.

Dressings applied to injuries received about the school numbered 75.

The general nutrition of all pupils has been most satisfactory with few exceptions. At the last weighing 283 children were weighed.

15 were 7% under weight

13 were 10% under weight

12 were 15% under weight

3 were 20% under weight

Health is the corner stone of good citizenship and makes for individual and social welfare, happiness and prosperity. Let us do our bit to make the coming generation the best of citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE LANDERS,

School Nurse.

TABLE OF STATISTICS, 1924-1925

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Margaret Quinn	37	27.59	88
2	Grace P. Smith	45	33.04	89
3	Muriel Fairchild	40	30.51	87
4	Mildred W. Penney	39	29.91	88
5	Mildred E. Bunker	29	21.19	88
6	Mary E. Place	39	27.48	88
7 & 8	H. F. Barrows	44	33.20	90
High		44	33.20	90

TEACHERS, 7-12 INCLUSIVE

Principal: H. Gilbert Jordan

Assistant Principal: Letha N. Hurd.

Assistants: Mary C. De Bettencourt, Catherine A. Coleman, Howard F. Barrows.

Household Arts: Elizabeth Bourne.

Manual Training: Charles G. Sharpe.

Supervisor of Music: Flora E. Ridlon.

School Nurse: Irene V. Landers.

TABLE OF STATISTICS, DECEMBER, 1925.

Grade	Teacher	Total Member- ship	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent
				of Attend- ance
1	Ruth Phillips	37	30.00	91
2	Grace P. Smith	35	30.95	95
3	Muriel Pease	47	39.06	94
4	Elsie R. Chadwick	41	34.51	93
5	Mildred E. Wadsworth	32	26.90	93
6	Mary E. Place	25	21.32	93
7 & 8	Clyde Potter	52	44.88	90
High		42	36.00	93

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Assistants: Mary C. De Bettencourt, Catherine A. Coleman.

Household Arts: Elizabeth Bourne.

Manual Training: Charles G. Sharpe.

Supervisor of Music: Constance M. Fort.

School Nurse: Irene V. Landers.

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1926-1927

Winter Term—January 5 to March 26, 1926.

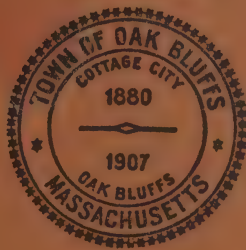
Spring Term—April 6 to June 18, 1926.

Fall Term—September 8 to December 23, 1926.

Winter Term—January 4 to March 25, 1927.

Spring Term—April 4 to June 17, 1927.

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Town Officers, 1926

TOWN CLERK

John Miller

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Norman L. Pratt	Term expires 1927
Manuel S. DeBettencourt	Term expires 1928
Michael J. Keegan	Term expires 1926

ACCOUNTANT

John Miller

*ASSESSORS

Frederick W. Smith	Term expires 1927
Hollis W. Eugley	Term expires 1928
Lewis Bartlett	Term expires 1926

TREASURER

Walter C. Ripley

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Edwin R. Frasier

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Clarence P. Hayden

Ethel L. Barney

Minnie E. Vincent

BOARD OF HEALTH

Norman L. Pratt

Manuel S. DeBettencourt

Michael J. Keegan

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Edmund J. Eldridge (Deceased)

Thomas A. McGrath

John H. Hughes

Peter J. Taeger (To fill vacancy)

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Emery N. Noyes

John D. Baird (Resigned)

Charles A. Williams

I. Herbert Francis (To fill vacancy)

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Antone D. Silvia

CHIEF OF POLICE

Walter W. Gilkes

NIGHT WATCH

John Jones

CONSTABLES

John A. DeBettencourt

Cassius M. Hoyle

Harry T. Webb

TREE WARDEN

George Frye

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF
WOOD AND BARK

Herbert A. Eddy

Peter J. Taeger

FENCE VIEWERS

Manuel S. DeBettencourt

Thomas A. McGrath

POUND KEEPER

Walter W. Gilkes

FIELD DRIVERS

Manuel R. Silvia

Harry T. Webb

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Joseph A. Sylvia

BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

John B. Billings

Antone P. Medeiros

Frederick W. Smith

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Expire 1927

Carroll J. Darling

Osgood N. Mayhew

John B. Billings

William C. MacNeill

Susan J. Chase

Expire 1928

Hubert T. Dean, M. D.

Joseph E. Amaral

Wallace A. Estey

John W. McGrath

William H. Pearson

Expire 1929

Reuben Phillips

John H. Hughes

Herbert A. Eddy

Eben D. Bodfish

Thomas L. Williston

Valuation April 1, 1926

The following items taken from the Assessor's Valuation Lists for year 1926.

Total valuation of assessed estate, April 1, 1926	\$3,714,300.00
Total tax on personal estate	18,231.15
Total tax on real estate	93,197.85
Total tax on polls	852.00
Total Tax	<hr/> \$112,281.00

State Tax	\$ 6,360.00
State Highway Tax	477.40
State Audit Tax	339.43
County Tax	9,590.93
Overlay, 1922	17.90
Overlay, 1926	1,303.33
Town Tax, Assessed	93,340.01
Tax on Polls	852.00
• Total	<hr/> \$112,281.00

Number of residents assessed on property	587
Number of non-residents assessed on property	977
Number on poll tax only	426
Total	<hr/> 1,990

Number of horses	28
Number of cows	86
Number of neat cattle	2
Number of swine	33
Number of fowl	298
Number of dwelling houses	1,313
Number of acres of land	3,423

EXEMPTED PROPERTY

African M. E. Church	\$500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association	4,250.00
Bradley Memorial Church	2,500.00
Catholic Cemetery land	500.00
Episcopal Society Church	4,000.00
Fall River Deaconess Home	1,000.00
I. O. O. F. personal property	250.00
M. V. Hospital Association	6,700.00
M. V. Camp-Meeting Association	5,250.00
Methodist Episcopal Association	5,500.00
Oak Bluffs Baptist Church	4,500.00
Order of Eastern Star	350.00
Sacred Heart Parish, Old Church	4,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, New Church	26,000.00
U. S. of America	6,400.00
Union Chapel Christian Association	7,000.00
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	\$79,200.00

Receipts

TAXES

Levy of 1923	\$58.55
Levy of 1924	58.47
Levy of 1925	10,860.90
Levy of 1926	98,503.53
Corporation tax	891.93
Income tax	9,724.70
National Bank tax	42.75
	<hr/> \$120,140.83

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Dance license	\$1.00
Dance hall permit	50.00
Marriage	2.00
Manicure	4.00
Auctioneers	2.00
Junk	50.00
Shellfish	12.00
Used car dealer	20.00
Sunday	105.00
Intelligence Office	2.00
Oleomargarine	1.50

Carriage	46.00	
Skating Rink	25.00	
Baggage checking	4.00	
Transient Vendors	320.00	
Common victualler	14.00	
Innholders	52.00	
Theatre	150.00	
Amusement	10.00	
Picnic Checking	10.00	
Shooting gallery	5.00	
Bowling Alley	16.00	
Poolroom	5.00	
	<hr/>	\$906.50

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court fines	\$1,368.32
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GRANTS AND GIFTS

From the State:		
Vocational Schools	\$497.28	
School Superintendant		
Small Towns	446.56	
From County:		
Dog Fund	220.83	
	<hr/>	\$1,164.67

DEPARTMENTAL

Town Clerks fees etc.	\$20.25
Collectors Costs	51.96
Rent of Court Room	150.00

Sale of fire house	300.00
Sealers fees	38.67
Sealer — State Division of Standards	30.00
Tuberculosis — State	205.71
Charities—Reimbursements :	
State (Temporary Aid)	\$400.00
Individuals	23.00
Cities and Towns	905.13
	<hr/> 1,328.13

Soldiers

Exemption	36.32
State Aid	222.00
	<hr/> 258.32

School Reimbursements :

Domestic Science receipts	27.75
Library fines and fees	273.93
School refund of 1925 overpayment	5.00
Park reimbursement	348.86
Cemetery Sale of lots	225.00
	<hr/> \$3,263.58

INTEREST

On taxes	\$253.90
On deposits	301.09
Clark Poor Fund	96.50
Norton Poor Fund	95.74
Barbey Poor Fund	274.88
Perpetual Care Funds	87.37
	<hr/> \$1,109.48

INDIBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	\$50,000.00	
New York Avenue Loan	19,000.00	
Premium on Bond	22.80	
	<hr/>	\$69,022.80

TRUST

Cemetery Perpetual Care funds	\$850.00
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REFUNDS

Poor Department	\$17.00	
School	7.09	
Interest	71.27	
Tax Titles	227.75	
	<hr/>	323.11
Total		<hr/> \$198,149.29

Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE

Salary of Moderator	\$15.00
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SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries of Selectmen	\$600.00
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Expenses :

Janitor	\$25.00	
Fuel & Lights	65.38	
Transportation	20.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	7.11	
All other	172.96	
	<hr/>	290.45
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		890.45

ACCOUNTANTS DEPARTMENT

Salary of Accountant	1,700.00
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TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Treasurer	\$400.00
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Expenses :

Surety Bond	\$54.50	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	33.40	
Certifying Notes	18.00	
All other	.25	
	<u>106.15</u>	
		<u>506.15</u>

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Collector \$650.00

Expenses :

Surety Bond	\$109.00	
Deeds, Advertising & Recording	43.10	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	73.15	
All other	25.62	
	<u>250.87</u>	
		<u>900.87</u>

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

Salaries of Assessors \$600.00

Expenses :

Abstracts	\$69.89	
Transportation	14.50	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	74.40	
All other	3.82	
	<u>162.61</u>	
		<u>762.61</u>

LAW DEPARTMENT

Town Counsel 75.00

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Town Clerk	\$300.00
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Expenses:

Vital Statistics	\$96.25
Bond	4.00
Record Books	53.00
Department Forms	27.36
Printing, Postage & Stationery	16.37
All other	59.42
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	256.42

	<hr/>	556.42
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ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Salary, Board of Registrars	\$100.00
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Election officers	125.00
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Expenses:

Posting Warrants	\$6.00
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Printing, Postage & Stationery	112.66
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All other	32.35
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TOWN HALL ADDITION

Contract	\$1,550.00
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Extra Work	234.65
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Office furnishings	129.50
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Plumbing	75.00
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All other	65.77
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	<hr/>	2,054.92
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Rent of Strand Theatre	300.00
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PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Chief of Police	\$1,500.00	
Night Watch	1,460.00	
Patrolmen	1,090.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,050.00

Expenses:

Attorney's fee	\$35.00	
Shellfish Constable	50.00	
Auto Hire	31.00	
All other	70.92	
	<hr/>	186.92
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		4,236.92

Dog Officer		5.00
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Chief of F. D.	\$50.00	
Board of Engineers	50.00	
Firemen	783.33	
Stewards	95.00	
Supt of Batteries and Care of Alarm	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,178.33

Expenses:

Fuel and Light	\$257.19
Printing, Postage etc.	7.20

New Boxes	293.71		
New Hose	392.00		
Hydrant Rental	2,639.66		
Hydrant Repairs and Replacements	367.01		
Insurance on men	73.00		
All other	383.72		
	<hr/>	4,413.49	
		<hr/>	5,591.82

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary of Sealer		\$100.00	
Expenses			
New Equipment	\$83.46		
Auto Transportation	40.10		
All other	17.79		
	<hr/>	141.35	
		<hr/>	241.35

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Labor		\$333.50	
Expenses:			
Equipment	\$47.00		
Insecticides	46.26		
All other	21.50		
	<hr/>	114.76	
		<hr/>	448.26

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

Services			25.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salaries:

Board of Health	\$75.00	
Agent, Health	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$225.00

Expenses:

Tuberculosis Hospitals	\$666.48	
General Hospitals	324.90	
All other	138.50	
	<hr/>	1,129.88
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		1,354.88

Animal Inspectors: Salary	50.00
Inspector of Slaughtering: Salary	75.00

COLLECTOR OF OFFAL

Labor	\$1,217.50	
Truck Supplies & Repairs	299.96	
	<hr/>	1,517.46

CARE OF DUMPS

Labor	\$585.50	
Expenses: Supplies	6.20	
	<hr/>	591.70

PUBLIC SANITARIES

Labor	\$219.50	
Expenses:		
Rent	\$100.00	

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Water	69.50	
Repairs	32.68	
Supplies	20.62	
	<hr/>	222.80
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		442.30

STREET CLEANING

Labor		\$842.50	
Expenses :			
Equipment & Supplies		33.45	
		<hr/>	875.95

CLEANING CATCH BASINS

Labor		\$242.00	
Expenses :			
Supplies		17.99	
		<hr/>	259.99

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

REPAIRS TO CONCRETE

Labor		\$1,204.15	
Expenses :			
Material		\$154.26	
Teams		33.50	
All other		103.11	
		<hr/>	\$290.87
		<hr/>	1,495.02

REPAIRS TO DIRT ROADS

Labor		\$993.00	
Expenses :			
Trucking & Supplies	\$526.01		
All other	21.79		
		<u>547.80</u>	
			<u>1,540.80</u>

RESURFACING HIGHLAND BOULEVARD

Labor		\$567.00	
Expenses :			
Material	\$287.00		
Freight & Carting	116.61		
All other	92.35		
		<u>495.96</u>	
			<u>1,062.96</u>

WINEMACK STREET

Labor		\$182.00	
Expenses :			
All other		9.60	
		<u> </u>	
			191.60

RICHMOND AVENUE

Labor		\$101.00	
Teams		60.00	
		<u> </u>	
			161.00

IRON PIPE FENCE & SEATS

Contract		\$1,212.00	
Painting		17.87	
		<u> </u>	
			1,229.87

REBUILDING NEW YORK & LAKE AVENUES

Labor	\$6,327.85	
Teams etc.	5,028.45	
Material	4,926.94	
Oils	1,666.53	
Sand and Gravel	215.00	
All other	744.94	
	<hr/>	18,909.71

BULKHEADS & BRIDGES

Labor	\$468.00	
Truck etc.	207.71	
	<hr/>	675.71

REMOVAL OF SNOW

Labor	\$965.50	
Trucks	76.00	
All other	56.60	
	<hr/>	1,098.10

STREET LIGHTING

Contract	\$7,995.42	
New Lights	771.25	
Replacements	36.60	
	<hr/>	8,803.27

HARBOR MASTER

Salary	\$50.00	
Labor & Supplies	100.04	
	<hr/>	150.04

CHARITIES

Support of Poor:

Cash Aid	\$6,014.75	
Mother's Aid	1,040.00	
Medical Attendance	639.50	
Hospital Care	1,086.15	
Fuel	264.10	
Rent	232.75	
Groceries	104.38	
All other	187.33	
	<hr/>	9,568.96

SOLDIERS BENEFITS

State Aid	\$186.00	
Soldiers Relief	48.00	
	<hr/>	234.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Salary of School Committee	\$150.00	
Salary of Secretary	100.00	
Salary of Superintendent	825.00	
Salary of Physician	100.00	
Salary of Nurse	640.00	
Salaries of Teachers	16,836.00	
Salary of Janitor	971.25	
	<hr/>	19,622.25

Expenses :

Transportation	\$764.50	
Water	47.00	
Fuel and Lights	754.55	
Telephone	33.77	
Text Books & Supplies	968.67	
All other	900.36	
Domestic Science Supplies	235.07	
Manual Training Supplies	348.19	
	<hr/>	4,052.11

Unpaid Bills of 1925	678.52
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FIRE ESCAPE

Contract	516.00
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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian	\$322.00	
Janitor	99.00	
	<hr/>	\$421.00

Expenses :

Books etc.	\$229.10	
Fuel & light	18.20	
Rent	225.00	
Repairs	86.83	
Binding etc.	15.00	
All other	59.83	
	<hr/>	633.96
	<hr/>	1,054.96

Library Bequest	100.00
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RECREATION

PUBLIC PARKS

Labor and Teams	\$1,762.50	
Plants & Shrubs	1,040.43	
All other	547.18	
	<hr/>	3,350.11

NAUSHON PARK

Labor	\$196.50	
All other	2.51	
	<hr/>	199.01

NIANTIC PARK

Labor & Teams	\$1,634.05	
Tennis Courts, Stock & Labor	1,226.20	
Water	18.00	
All other	128.01	
	<hr/>	3,006.26

SUNSET LAKE

Labor	\$644.50	
Pumps	60.00	
All other	19.95	
	<hr/>	724.45

GRADING AND STEPS NORTH BLUFFS

Labor and Tractor	933.08
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TAKING OF TWO LOTS, NORTH BLUFFS

Advertising	\$6.00
Attorney's fee	15.00

Filing plans and Service	18.04	
	<hr/>	39.04

TAKING OF LAND BETWEEN BATHHOUSES AND WHARF

Attorneys Service	\$50.00	
Survey	84.00	
Advertising	10.50	
Filing Plans	3.31	
Blue Prints	6.45	
Service, Orders of Taking	54.00	
	<hr/>	208.26
Amusements: Concert		2,500.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day		35.00
Town Reports		250.00
Advertising		500.00
Reserve Fund:		
Treasurer's Dept.	\$31.15	
Collector's Dept.	50.87	
Highway Dept. Snow Removal	149.75	
	<hr/>	231.77
Plans of Town:		
Surveyor Services		203.20

CEMETERIES

CARE OF CEMETERY

Labor	\$701.63	
Loam etc.	93.00	

Concrete	208.00	
Equipment	31.00	
All other	90.58	
	<hr/>	1,124.21
Unpaid bills of 1925		160.00

INTEREST AND DEBT

Interest:

Temporary Loans	\$516.54	
Town Debt	1,480.99	
	<hr/>	1,997.53

Debt:

Revenue Loans	\$50,000.00	
General Loans	6,100.00	
	<hr/>	56,100.00

AGENCY

State Tax	6,360.00
State Highway	477.40
Audit Municipal Accounts	339.43
County Tax	9,590.93

TRUST

Trust Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	850.00
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REFUNDS

Support of Poor	17.00
School Dept.	7.09
Interest	71.27
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Total Payments	\$184,272.98
Balance December 31, 1926	28,753.90
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Grand Total	\$213,026.88

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31, 1926

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

On hand	\$ 1,057.19	
In bank	30,073.15	
Cash discrepancy	337.02	
	<hr/>	\$31,467.36
Library cash		15.00
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		\$31,482.36

Accounts receivable

E. H. Matthews, collector:

Levy of 1921	\$ 79.35	
Levy of 1922	231.98	
	<hr/>	\$311.33

E. R. Frasier, collector

Levy of 1925	\$ 21.20	
Levy of 1926	13,267.82	
	<hr/>	13,289.02
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		13,600.35

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

State Aid	\$186.00
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Departmental:

Town Hall	\$ 75.00	
Health Department	239.27	
Highway Department	12.00	
Poor Department	520.00	
	<hr/>	846.27
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		1,032.27

Tax Titles held by town	2,254.57
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Overdrawn accounts:

Overlay 1925	\$ 99.85	
Selectmen's salaries and expenses	15.45	
Election and registration	26.01	
Health collection offal	17.46	
Health, street cleaning	25.95	
Repair to dirt roads	40.80	
Support of poor	1,101.84	
Care of cemeteries	11.84	
	<hr/>	1,339.20
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		\$49,708.75

LIABILITIES

Appropriation balance:

Town Hall repairs	\$ 145.08
Iron pipe fence and seats	270.13
Surface water, Shawmut Avenue	500.00
Rebuilding N. Y. and Lake Avenues	1,090.29
County road construction	10,000.00
School fire escape	2,984.00
Taking two lots on North Bluffs	960.96
Taking land between bath house and Steamboat Wharf	11,791.74
World War Memorial and Honor Roll	700.00

Title investigation	250.00	
Plan of town	496.80	
	<hr/>	\$29,189.00
Premium of Bonds		22.80
Library petty cash		15.00
Overlay 1926		720.33
Departmental revenue		1,032.27
Tax title revenue		2,254.57
Surplus revenue		16,474.78
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		\$49,708.75

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net fund or fixed debt	\$42,700.00	
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		\$42,700.00
Sea View Avenue Loan	\$ 6,600.00	
Bulkhead Waterfront Loan	17,100.00	
New York Avenue Loan	19,000.00	
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		\$42,700.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust funds, cash and securities	\$21,610.47	
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		\$21,610.47
Anna K. Barbey Poor Fund	\$ 5,430.15	
Ichabod Norton Poor Fund	947.17	
Rebecca Clark Poor Fund	1,275.61	
Anna K. Barbey School Fund	10,676.81	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	3,280.73	
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		\$21,610.47

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Balances Jan. 1, 1926	Appro- priations	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1926	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, 1926	Overdrafts Dec. 31, 1926
General Government:								
Moderator	15.00	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....
Selectmens' Salaries and Expenses	878.79	.....	.....	3.79	890.45	.....	15.45
Accountant's Salary	1,700.00	.....	.....	.....	1,700.00	.....	.....
Treasurer's Salary and Expenses	475.00	31.15*	.....	.....	506.15	.....	.....
Collector's Salary and Expenses	850.00	50.87*	.....	.....	900.87	.....	.....
Assessor's Salary and Expenses	850.00	.....	.....	.....	762.61	87.39	.....
Law Department	100.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00	25.00	.....
Town Clerk	600.00	.....	.....	.....	556.42	43.58	.....
Election and Registration	350.00	.....	.....	.....	376.01	.....	26.01
Town Hall Repairs	2,200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,054.92	145.08	.....
Strand Theatre	300.00	.....	.....	.....	300.00	.....	.....
Protection of Persons and Property
Police Department Salaries and Expenses	4,365.00	.....	.....	.....	4,241.92	123.08	.....
Fire Department Salaries and Expenses	2,080.00	.....	.....	.....	2,076.45	3.55	.....
Hydrant Rental	2,710.00	.....	.....	.....	2,629.66	80.34	.....
Superintendent of Alarms	200.00	.....	.....	.....	200.00	.....	.....
New Boxes	300.00	.....	.....	.....	293.71	6.29	.....
Hose and Chemicals	700.00	.....	.....	.....	392.00	308.00	.....
Scaler of Weights & Measures	250.00	241.35	8.65
Tree Warden	25.00	25.00
Moth Suppression	500.00	448.26	51.74

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	Balances Jan. 1, 1926	Appro- priations	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1926	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, 1926	Overdrafts Dec. 31, 1926
Health and Sanitation:								
Board of Health	1,475.00	.....	.....	.....	1,204.88	270.12	.....
Health, Salary of Agent	150.00	.....	.....	.....	150.00	.....	.....
Salary Inspector of Animals	50.00	.....	.....	.....	50.00	.....	.....
Salary Inspector of Slaughtering	75.00	.....	.....	.....	75.00	.....	.....
Collection of Offal	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,517.46	.....	17.46
Care of Dumps	600.00	.....	.....	.....	591.70	8.30	.....
Public Sanitaries	500.00	.....	.....	.....	442.30	57.70	.....
Street Cleaning	850.00	.....	.....	.....	875.95	.....	25.95
Cleaning Catch Basins	300.00	.....	.....	.....	259.99	40.01	.....
Surveyor's Expense— Surface Drains	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....
Highways:								
Repairs to Concrete	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,495.02	4.98	.....
Repairs to Dirt Roads	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,540.80	.....	40.80
Resurfacing Atlantic Ave.	100.00	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....	.....
Grading and Oiling Duke County Ave.	5.42	.....	.....	5.42	.....	.....	.....
Concreting Wamsutta Ave.	317.35	.....	.....	317.35	.....	.....	.....
Resurfacing Highland Blvd.	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	1,062.96	937.04	.....
Iron Pipe fence and seats— Sea View Avenue	1,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,229.87	270.13	.....
Bulkheads and bridges	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	675.71	324.29	.....
Surface Water Shawmut and Vineyard Avenues	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00	.....
Improving Winemack Street	200.00	.....	.....	.....	191.60	8.40	.....
Improving Richmond Avenue	200.00	.....	.....	.....	161.00	39.00	.....

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, 1926	Appro- priations	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1926	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, 1926	Overdrafts Dec. 31, 1926
Rebuilding New York and Lake Avenues	20,000.00	.....	.....	.....	18,909.71	1,090.29	.....
County Road Construction	10,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,000.00	.....
Removal of Snow	948.35	149.75*	.....	.....	1,098.10	.....	.....
Street Lighting	9,000.00	.....	.....	.....	8,803.27	196.73	.....
Harbor Master Salary and Expenses	150.00	.....	.....	.....	150.04	.....	.04
Charities								
Support of Poor	8,000.00	.....	.....	.....	9,101.84	.....	1,101.84
Income Poor Fund	467.12	.....	467.12	.....	.....
State Aid	208.00	.....	.....	.....	186.00	20.00	.....
Soldiers' Relief	48.00	.....	.....	.....	48.00	.....	.....
Education								
Schools—Salary of Committee	250.00	.....	.....	.....	250.00	.....	.....
Salary of Superintendent	850.00	.....	.....	.....	825.00	25.00	.....
Salary of Physician	100.00	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....
Salary of Nurse	640.00	.....	.....	.....	640.00	.....	.....
Salary of teachers and expenses	22,550.00	.....	.....	.....	21,853.36	696.64	.....
Fire Escape—school	3,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	516.00	2,984.00	.....
Unpaid bills of 1925	679.51	.....	.....	.....	678.52	.99	.....
Public library	1,050.00	.....	.....	.....	1,054.96	.....	4.96
Library Special	100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100.00	.....	.....

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, 1926	Appro- priations	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1926	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, 1926	Overdrafts Dec. 31, 1926
Recreation								
Public Parks	.....	3,600.00	.....	.....	.....	3,350.11	249.89	.....
Naushon Park Improvements	.....	200.00	.....	.....	.....	199.01	.99	.....
Niantic Park Improvements	.....	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	3,006.26	.....	6.26
Sunset Lake culvert	148.28	600.00	.....	.....	.....	721.45	23.83	.....
Grading and steps on North Bluffs	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	933.08	66.92	.....
Taking two lots on North Bluffs	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	39.04	960.96	.....
Taking land between bath- house and Steamboat Wharf	.....	12,000.00	.....	.....	.....	268.26	11,791.74	.....
Amusements	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....
Unclassified:								
Memorial Day	.....	35.00	.....	.....	.....	35.00	.....	.....
Town Reports	.....	250.00	.....	.....	.....	250.00	.....	.....
Advertising	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	500.00	.....	.....
Reserve Fund	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	231.77*	768.23	.....
Investigation of title of land between bathhouses and Steamboat Wharf	.....	250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	250.00	.....
Plans of town	.....	700.00	.....	.....	.....	203.20	496.80	.....
Cemeteries:								
Care of cemeteries	.....	1,025.00	.....	87.37	.....	1,121.21	.....	11.84
Rebuilding cemetery fences	.....	20.00	.....	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....
Cemetery unpaid bills of 1925	.....	160.00	.....	.....	.....	160.00	.....	.....
Interest:								
Interest	.....	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	1,997.53	502.47	.....

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, 1926	Appro- priations	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, 1926	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, 1926	Overdrafts Dec. 31, 1926
Town Debt	1,300.00	4,800.00	.....	.....	.....	6,100.00	.....	.....
Temporary Loans	.....	.....	.....	50,000.00	.....	50,000.00	.....	.....
General Loan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Raised in Error:	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Overdrafts 1925	.....	3.08	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.08	.....
Agency:								
State Tax	.....	6,360.00	.....	.....	.....	6,360.00	.....	.....
State highway repairs	.....	477.40	.....	.....	.....	477.40	.....	.....
Auditing municipal accounts	.....	339.43	.....	.....	.....	339.43	.....	.....
County tax	.....	9,590.93	.....	.....	.....	9,590.93	.....	.....
Trust:								
Cemetery perpetual care funds	.....	.....	.....	850.00	.....	850.00	.....	.....
Refunds:								
Support of Poor	.....	.....	.....	17.00	.....	17.00	.....	.....
School teachers' salary and expenses	.....	.....	.....	7.09	.....	7.09	.....	.....
Interest	.....	.....	.....	71.27	.....	71.27	.....	.....
Total	7,248.28	158,054.26	231.77	51,499.85	446.56	231.77* 184,041.21	33,565.23	1,250.61

*Transfers from Reserve Fund

Report of Town Clerk

RETURN OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1926

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
Jan. 31	Phylis Adelaide Gonsalves	F	Jerome and Maud E.
Feb. 4	Herbert Amos Frye	M	George C. Jr., and Ruth
" 5	Fay Estelle Norton	F	Clarence W. and Dorothy
" 12	Emily Elaine Heathman	F	Roscoe O. and Gladys L.
" 23	Julia Rachel Arno	F	Raymond S. and Lillian R.
" 24	Irma Joyce Mayhew	F	Arthur and Esther
Mar. 5	May Elizabeth Davies	F	Henry S. and Kathryn L.
" 16	Henry K. Burgess, Jr.	M	Henry K. and Sarah E.
" 19	Hilda Murphy	F	George and Alice
" 29	——— Smith	F	Stanley M. and Marguerite
April 1		F	
" 15	Theodore Robert Bernardo	M	George and Mary V.
" 21	——— Duart	M	Manuel P. and Rosa G.
May 8	James Cooley	M	Francis J. and Marion
" 8	——— Henley	M	Oran and Anna
" 10	——— Rabbitt	F	Thomas and Bernice
" 15	Mildred Theresa Amancio	F	Gile F. and Wilhelmina
" 16	Annie Louise Bernard	F	William and Joanna
" 27	Louisa Irene Bernard	F	Joseph A. and Mary
" 31	Albert Sequira	M	Fernando and Flora A.
June 2	John Henry Randolph, Jr.	M	John H. and Mildred L.H.
" 3	——— Larkin	F	Arthur E. and Mary E.
" 23	Herbert Leslie Darling	M	William L. and Dorothy L.
July 5	Eleanor Joyce Hamblen	F	Henry L. and Alice E.
" 6		M	
" 10	David Lawrence Welch	M	Forrest H. and Helen M.
" 12		F	
" 20	——— Swift	F	Dean and Kathryn
" 21	Ida Leonard	F	Edwin T. and Rosalie
" 27	Clifford Nelson Silvia	M	Anthony R. and Bertha M.

BIRTHS—Continued

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
Aug. 2	——— Bailey	M	Angus A. and Mary T.
" 6	Catherine Brothers	F	Nathan B. and Caroline L.
" 22	Edna Alberta Lewis	F	Edward A. and Helen M.
" 29	Helen May Fisher	F	Elmer L. and Evelyn
Sept. 5	Margaret Lucille Thomas	F	Joseph M. and Margaret
" 28	Mary Teresa Shannon	F	William J. and Emma
Oct. 6	William Abner Colby	M	William A. and Alvina F.
" 6	Alby Haywood Hutchinson	M	Alby F. and Thelma
" 17	Grace Louise Clough	F	Wendell B. and Jennie R.
" 17	Cæser Erving Madison	M	Nehemiah and Sarah
" 17	——— Duart	F	Joseph and Frances
Nov. 14	Mary Anna Berriault	F	Arthur J. and Anna M.
" 19	Joseph Costa	M	Manuel G. and Angelina
" 23	Barrett Hodgon McLaughlin	M	James and Ruth H.
" 26	Frances Louise Stanley	F	William H. and Adelaide
" 28	Wilhelmina Anne Madison	F	Napoleon and Nannette
Dec. 4	Bertha Mae DeCosta	F	Thomas and Bertha M.
" 30	——— Morgan	F	Fred B. and Doris

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
January	19 Clarence A. Briggs	54	Oak Bluffs
	Bertha R. Carter	19	"
February	8 Antone E. Viera	25	"
	Gertrude F. Lovell	18	Taunton
April	5 Louis Flora	19	Oak Bluffs
	Mary Q. Gomes	18	South Dartmouth
"	11 William Bernard	29	Oak Bluffs
	Joan MacIvor	26	Tisbury
"	14 Manuel R. Chaves	66	Oak Bluffs
	Rosa L. Soares	45	New Bedford
"	19 Antonio N. Martinho	23	Plymouth
	Libbie E. Martin	26	Oak Bluffs
"	28 Jose T. Goulart	21	"
	Mary G. Medeiros	18	"
July	27 Francisco C. Mello	33	Edgartown
	Mary Doyle	30	"
August	9 Edward L. Manley	23	New Bedford
	Genevieve Luce	20	Edgartown
September	4 Frederick J. Dailey	30	Providence, R. I.
	Agnes C. Neary	30	New York City
"	8 William L. Osterhout	24	Edgartown
	Bernice Edwards	24	Oak Bluffs
"	11 Anthony G. Sousa	20	Edgartown
	Mary T. Penney	17	Oak Bluffs
"	14 Eshburn O. Judkins	33	Upton, Me.
	Lena F. Estey	28	Oak Bluffs
"	20 David P. Craig	49	East Providence, R. I.
	Hattie F. Fletcher	48	Providence, R. I.
"	20 John H. Andrews	27	Tisbury
	Virginia E. Norman	21	Germantown, Md.
October	2 Clayton B. Johnson	20	Edgartown
	Evelyn H. Borego	18	"
"	12 John F. Pimental	36	Oak Bluffs
	Anna Soares	29	Fall River
"	20 Kenneth S. Carter	24	"
	Beatrice Z. Smith	22	Oak Bluffs
"	25 Anthony A. Bettencourt	25	Edgartown
	Lillian M. Bernard	17	Oak Bluffs
November	25 Raymond Baird	25	"
	Thelma E. Luce	18	"
"	25 John T. Barboza, Jr.	24	"
	Rosie Cambra	24	Dighton

DEATHS

DATE		NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
			Y	M	D	
Jan.	8	Richard Metell	9	9	19	Tuberculosis of Meninges
Feb.	12	Marie I. Anthony	70	4	19	Carcinoma of Pancreas
"	12	Josephine L. Ricketson	61	3	16	Carcinoma of Ovary
Mar.	2	William Wallace Browne ¹	62	8	2	Cerebral Hemorrhage
April	3	Bertland W. Norton	52	2	2	Pneumonia (Lobar)
"	7	Mary C. VanNatter	53	2	29	Carcinoma of Uterus
"	9	Manuel Rose	53	3	4	Septicemia
"	13	Ralph T. Smith	40	6	22	Pneumonia (Lobar)
"	29	Rosie Pachico Duart	31		17	Broncho Pneumonia
May	2	Anna Olney Evans	66	6	15	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	2	Joseph Constantino	15	10	29	Valvular Disease of Heart
"	7	Lydia J. Look	78	2	8	Carcinoma of Chest
"	8	Charlotte H. Barney	78	9	9	Fracture of Hip
"	9	Andrew Warren	85	4	17	Cerebral Hemorrhage
June	6	Walter Henry Estey	34	4	17	Broncho Pneumonia
"	15	Herbert Amos Frye		4	11	Whooping Cough
"	30	Mary Louise Freitas	93	7	29	Arterio Sclerosis
July	5	Frederick N. Cooke	71	9	24	Myocarditis
"	6	Isabelle Silvia	87	5		Senility
"	6					Stillborn
"	7	Thomas J. Ryan	59	5	22	Rheumoid Arthritis
"	16	Joseph F. Tripp	90	2	1	Arterio Sclerosis
"	18	Franklin Ditman Wheeler	78		16	Intestinal Obstruction
"	25	Gwendolyn Peters	14	8	26	Obstruction of Intestines
Aug.	2					Stillborn
"	5	L. Stewart Milligan	52	6	12	Myocarditis
"	11	Elizabeth Weed	15	6	17	Appendicitis (acute)
"	12	William Robinson Williams	61	4	9	Intestinal Obstruction
"	15	Charlotte Doucette	37	4	20	Carcinoma of Uterus
"	21	John Charles Kennedy	72	7	2	Diabetis Millitus
"	28	George F. Newhall	78			Uremic Convulsions
"	30	Isabella E. Coffin	77	2	29	Valvular Disease of Heart
Sept.	7	Catherine Brothers		1	1	Heart Deformity
"	7	Abbie Francis Littlefield	86	6	24	Cerebra' Hemorrhage
"	7	Sarah Ann Baker	60	9	23	Carcinoma of Stomach
"	10	Margaret Otley McLean	83		27	Acute Indigestion
"	11	Henrietta Louise Besse	72	6	8	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	15	Ellen M. Smalley	90	2	16	Concussion of Brain
Oct.	8	Sarah E. Smith	70	4	19	Interstitial Nephritis
"	12	Leslie Joseph Gonsalves		1	16	Cholera Infantum
Nov.	11	Anthony J. Rausch	74	4	15	Valvular Disease of Heart
"	13	Edmund Gardner Eldridge	69	4	10	Chronic Myocarditis
"	23	Manuel Oliver Perry	34	8	6	Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)
"	30	Sarah C. Clifford	48		13	Cancer of Intestines
Dec.	7	Edith Rodericks	4	11	26	Acute Indigestion
"	11	Bridget Dunn	71			Myocarditis
"	14	Rachel Briggs	70	10	24	Chronic Nephritis
"	26	Dora Magdalena Kohl	70	5	29	Cirrhosis of Liver

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

The following are the statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths recorded during 1926.

Births

Females	30
Males	18
Total number	48

Marriages

Total number	21
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Deaths

Total number	48
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DOG TAX ACCOUNT FOR 1926

79 Males at \$2.00	\$158.00
12 Females at \$5.00	60.00
Total	<hr/> \$218.00
Clerk's fees, at 20 cents	\$18.20
Paid to County Treasurer	199.80
Total	<hr/> \$218.00

JOHN MILLER,

Town Clerk.

Report of the Town Planning Board

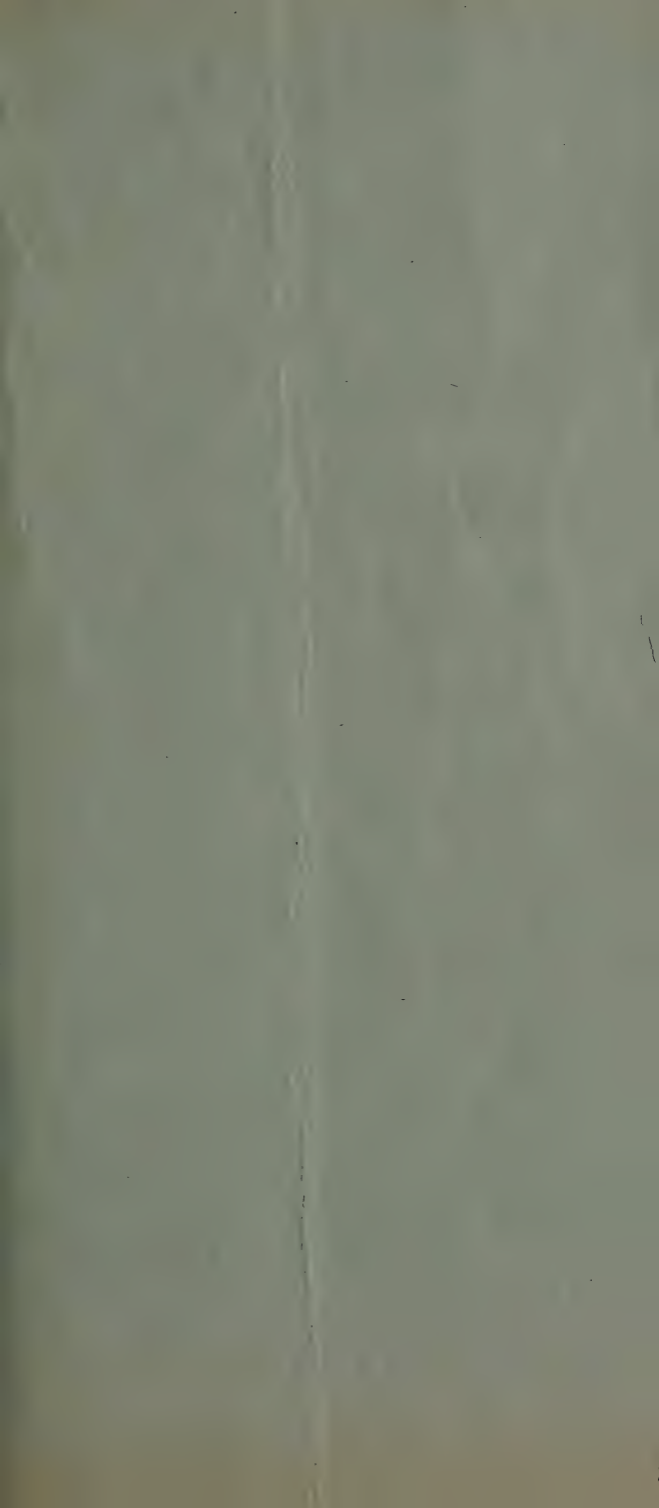
To the Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

The Town Planning Board met and organized with P. J. Taegar, Chairman, W. C. Ripley, Secretary.

Corresponded with Mr. E. T. Hartman, State Consultant on Town Planning and Housing and he made a special trip to Oak Bluffs to confer with Board regarding our needs in this type of Town.

Following his recommendations the Board are having made complete plans of Town which are already partly done. Board asks Town to accept planning regulations as printed, following this report, so as to have some way to regulate promiscuous building which is bad for the future of any community.

Board decided and it was also recommended by Mr. Hartman that Town acquire land south side of N. B. M. V. & N. Steamboat Co. between the sidewalk and water extending to westerly





end of Bath House already protected at public expense and at a Special Town Meeting in June the Town so voted.

The Board would recommend an appropriation for grading and improving land owned by Town on both sides of N. B. M. V. & N. Steamboat Co. wharf.

P. J. TAEGAR,
C. J. DARLING,
C. P. HAYDEN,
H. A. EDDY,
W. C. RIPLEY,

Town

Planning Board.

TEMPORARY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN BUILDING DISTRICTS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OAK BLUFFS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Town of Oak Bluffs is hereby divided into districts to be known respectively as Non-residence Districts, General Residence Districts, and Single Residence Districts, as follows:

Non-residence Districts shall comprise—(1) all lands which at the time this ordinance becomes effective are used for any business or industry other than farming, truck gardening, the growing of trees, shrubs, vines or plants, the raising of animals or the conduct of a boarding or lodging house; and (2) all lands located and fronting upon any section of any street or way which lies between two successive intersecting streets and in which section not less than one-half of the lot frontage on the same side of the street as said intersecting streets, and also not less than one-half of the lot frontage on the other side of said street directly opposite said lot frontage is at said time devoted to business or industry or is manifestly intended to be so used.

Residence Districts shall comprise all areas not included in Non-residence Districts. General Residence Districts shall comprise all Residence Districts bounded by four streets or

ways, by three streets or ways and the Town boundary line, or otherwise divided into blocks, in which, at the time this ordinance becomes effective, more than one-half the area is developed and more than one-half such development is used for other than Single Residences or their appurtenant land and buildings. All other Residence Districts shall be Single Residence Districts.

The words "intersecting streets" as used in this ordinance shall mean any streets or ways which join each other at an angle whether or not they cross each other.

Section 2. Except as hereinafter provided, no parcel of land lying in any Residence District and not at the time this ordinance becomes effective devoted to any business or industry, other than those specified in Section 1, shall hereafter be used for any business or industry, and no parcel of land lying in any Single Residence District not at said time devoted to a use other than Single Residences or buildings or purposes appurtenant to Single Residences shall hereafter be used except for Single Residences or purposes of buildings appurtenant thereto, and no permit shall be issued for the erection, alteration or conversion of any building for or to any such prohibited use upon any such parcel.

Section 3. A permit may be issued for the erection in any Residence District of a building for the purpose of any business or industry or for the alteration or conversion of a building in such District for or to such purposes, or for the erection in a Single Residence District of a building for purposes other than

Single Residence or for the alteration or conversion of a building in such District for or to such purposes, if the Board of Selectmen shall after public hearing so order; provided that there be filed with the application for such permit written consents thereto signed and acknowledged by three-fourths of the owners or legal representatives of the owners of all lands used for the purposes for which said District is restricted as provided in Section 1 hereof, including vacant lands, which are within the same block as defined in Section 1, but not further from the land in question than four hundred feet, and also, three-fourths of the owners or legal representatives of the owners of all lands within four-hundred feet on either side of the land in question and fronting on either side of the same street, streets or ways.

Section 4. No permit shall be granted under the foregoing section except after a public hearing before the Board of Selectmen. Notice of said hearing shall be given by publication of the time and place thereof in a local newspaper not less than two weeks before said hearing, the expense of such publication to be borne by the petitioner.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Recommended by Town Planning Board.

Report of Finance Committee

Report and Recommendation of Finance Committee for
the Year 1927

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$ 15.00
Selectmen, salaries	\$600.00	
Expenses	300.00	
	—————	900.00
Treasurer, salary	\$400.00	
Expenses	100.00	
	—————	500.00
Collector, salary	\$750.00	
Expenses	275.00	
	—————	1,025.00
Assessors, salaries	\$600.00	
Expenses	250.00	
	—————	850.00
Accountant, salary	\$1,700.00	
Expenses	50.00	
	—————	1,750.00
Town Counsel, salary	\$75.00	

Expenses	25.00	
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Town Clerk, salary	\$300.00	
Expenses	300.00	
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Board of Registrars, salaries	\$100.00	
Expenses	250.00	
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Rent of Strand Theatre		300.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department :

Chief of Police, salary	\$1,500.00
Patrolmen, salaries	1,200.00
Night Watch, salary	1,460.00
Expenses	255.00

Fire Department :

Board of Engineers, salaries	\$50.00
Chief of Engineers, salary	50.00
Firemen, salaries	800.00
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	\$ 900.00

Contingent expenses	1,280.00
Hydrant rental	2,780.00
Batteries and jars	400.00
New Boxes	225.00
Repairs to battery room	135.00
New air compressor	900.00
New pump (500 gallon capacity)	7,500.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sealer, salary	\$100.00	
Expenses	• 50.00	
	<hr/>	150.00
Tree Warden, salary		25.00

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Suppression of moths	500.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, salaries	\$ 75.00	
Agent of Health, salary	150.00	
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Expenses		1,400.00
Collection of swill, garbage and rubbish		1,700.00
Care of dumps		600.00
Public sanitation		1,000.00
Street cleaning		900.00
Cleaning catch basins		250.00
Inspector of slaughtering, salary		75.00
Inspector of animals		50.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Repairs to concrete roads	\$1,500.00
Repairs to dirt roads	1,500.00
Bulkheads and bridges	500.00
Removal of snow	1,000.00
Street lighting (including 2 new lights on Nashawena Park)	11,000.00

Maple Avenue improvements (subject to acceptance)	250.00
Lane between New York and Maple Avenues (subject to acceptance)	100.00
County road construction	1,500.00
Dredging Lake Anthony (bond issue)	5,000.00
Resurfacing Dukes County Ave.	2,500.00
Harbor Master, salary	\$100.00
Expenses	50.00
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	150.00

CHARITIES

Support of poor	\$10,000.00
State Aid	200.00
Soldiers' Relief	48.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

School Department :

School Committee, salary	\$150.00
School Committee Secretary, salary	100.00
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	\$ 250.00
School Superintendent, salary	825.00
School Physician, salary	100.00
School Nurse, salary	650.00
Teachers' salaries and expenses	22,550.00
Public Library	1,200.00

RECREATION AND CEMETERIES

Public parks	\$5,000.00
Maintenance of tennis courts, Niantic Park	570.00

Improvements on water front (bond issue)	15,000.00
Cemetery Department:	
Chairman Cemetery Commissioners, salary \$75.00	
Care of cemeteries	1,200.00
	<hr/> 1,275.00

UNCLASSIFIED

Repairs and painting town buildings	\$2,000.00
Town reports	275.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Advertising (under direction of Board of Trade)	500.00
Amusements (under direction of Board of Trade)	2,500.00
Town store house	2,500.00
Planning Board, expenses	100.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Overlay 1925	99.85
Overdrafts of appropriations, 1926	1,239.35

INTEREST AND TOWN DEBT

Interest	\$3,000.00
Debt	7,900.00

The Finance Committee also recommend:

That the town take the necessary action toward providing more school facilities.

That two new lights be installed on Nashawena Park.

That the town purchase a 500 gallon pumper for Fire Dept.

That the town purchase a new air compressor for Fire Dept. Siren.

That caretaker be in charge of Comfort Station when in use.

That Circuit Ave. be improved near the residence of Walter M. Kendall, cost of same to be taken from appropriation for dirt roads.

That repairs to concrete be made by using "Binder A" or Cold Patch.

That the necessary steps be taken toward acquiring the strip of land or shore front from Highland Dock to East Chop, for the protection of highway.

That improvements be made along the waterfront as suggested by the Park Commissioners and Planning Board.

That the town erect or purchase a store house.

CARROLL J. DARLING, Chairman.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dukes County, ss.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs,

GREETING;

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Columbus Club, Wamsutta Avenue, in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, the first day of February, A. D. 1927, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following named articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named officers:

A Town Clerk for one year.

A Selectman and Overseer of Poor for three years.

A Treasurer for one year.

A Collector of Taxes for one year.

A Member of the School Committee, for three years.

A Member of the Cemetery Committee for three years.

A Park Commissioner for three years

A Park Commissioner for two years.

A Chief of Police for one year.

A Night Watchman for one year.

Two Constables for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

A Member of the Planning Board for five years.

The polls for the reception of votes will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, February 2d, 1927, and will close at two o'clock in the afternoon unless a later hour be determined at said meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear the reports of Selectmen and other boards and committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and appropriations for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations of the same, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 6. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see if the town will authorize the Assessors to remit all taxes as cannot in their judgment be collected.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a town treasurer when appointed Collector may use.

Article 9. To see if the town will pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1928, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1928, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1928.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to place two street lights on County Road, between the residences of John A. Sylvia and Anna L. Sylvia.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Arlington Avenue, near the Phidelah Rice School.

Article 13. To see what action the town will take relative to providing additional school facilities, recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to change the date of holding the annual town meeting to the second Tuesday in February and the election of officers the day following.

Article 15. To see what action the town will take toward making a baseball diamond on Petaluma Park, and to make the necessary appropriation for the same.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee to investigate the advisability of establishing a town forest, or to take action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to accept the lane connecting New York and Maple Avenues, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to accept Maple Ave. as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to grade and improve Maple Avenue, and make an appropriation for the same. (As petitioned for.)

Article 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00, as the town's proportional part, for the dredging of Lake Anthony. Said work to be done under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.

Article 21. To see what action the town will take relative to acquiring the foreshore or land, necessary for the protection of the highway along Atlantic Drive, from the old Highland Wharf to East Chop Light.

Article 22. To see if the town will take action on the construction of bulkheads from the Old Highland Wharf to East Chop Light. Petitioned for by Oak Bluffs Association.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the set of ordinances relative to establishing building districts, as recommended by the Planning Board and more fully printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 24. To see what action the town will take relative to entering into a contract for town meeting place.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to place two lights on Nashawena Park, similar in design to those now in place.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to place two hydrants on Highland Boulevard, locations to be determined by the Board of Fire Engineers, and will authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to provide and install said hydrant under the term provided in the contract with the Water Company whereby the town shall rent and pay for the use of each hydrant the sum of \$35.00 per annum.

Article 27. To see what action the town will take in the matter of amounts outstanding for the years 1921 and 1922 as shown by the State Auditors report.

Article 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the purpose of building cement retaining walls and other improvements along the water front, and to meet said appropriation that there be raised in the levy of the current year the sum of \$1,000.00 and that the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed \$14,000.00 and to issue a note or notes therefor, said note or notes to be

payable in accordance with clause 9, section 7, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. So that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of issue of the first note, or at such earlier date as the Selectmen and Treasurer may determine.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Assessors to use free cash in the treasury when determining the tax rate for the current year.

Article 30. To see what action the town will take in the matter of providing suitable dumping ground.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing the warrant to be posted in three public places in the town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the town clerk at the time and place specified.

Given under our hands this Twenty-third day of January A. D. 1927.

NORMAN L. PRATT,

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,

MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT,

Selectmen of Oak Bluffs.

Pursuant to above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in the warrant to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

Attest:

HARRY T. WEBB

Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass.

January 24, 1927.

Report of Selectmen

Office of the Selectmen,
January 20, 1927.

The Board of Selectmen respectfully present the report of Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts, as the report of their department and of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN L. PRATT,
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,
MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT,
Selectmen.

Auditor's Report

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, January 25, 1927.

To the Board of Selectmen,
Mr. Norman L. Pratt, Chairman,
Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:—I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the Town of Oak Bluffs for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1926, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the period from January 1 to December 31, 1926, and submit the following thereon:

The financial transactions of the town as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked for the period covered by the audit.

The treasurer's cash book was added and checked with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing them.

In reconciling the cash balance December 31, 1926, per cash book, with the cash in the office and with a statement furnished by the bank, a cash variation of \$107.08 was noted. This variation is apparently due, in part, to the failure of the treasurer to reconcile his bank account monthly. The progress of the audit was thus retarded considerably, due to the necessity of sorting and checking the cancelled bank checks for the year, in order to secure a reconciliation of the bank statement. It is recommended that the town treasurer settle the cash discrepancy promptly, and that he make a determined effort to prove his cash balance at the close of each month.

The accountant's ledger was added and the items entered thereon were checked with the warrants issued by the selectmen and with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's books. The ledger was analyzed and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1926.

The accounts of the collectors of taxes for the years 1921 and 1922 were examined, and it was found that the amounts outstanding on these levies remain the same as at the close of the previous audit. Action should be taken to secure settlement of these levies.

The accounts of the collector of taxes for the years 1923, 1924, 1925, and 1926 were examined and checked in detail. The commitment books were footed and reconciled with warrants, the cash books were added, the recorded collections were checked with the items as entered on the commitment books, payments to the treasurer were checked with the amounts as shown by the treasurer's books, and the abatements were checked to the assessors' records of abatements granted. The outstanding tax accounts were listed and proved, being further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. From the replies received, I am satisfied that the accounts as listed are correct.

Appended to this report are tables showing summaries of the tax accounts.

The appropriation accounts kept by the town accountant were checked with the town clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town. Overdrafts were found in several depart-

ments amounting to \$1,250.57. In this connection attention is again called to the statutes pertaining to incurring liabilities in excess of appropriations,—Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, and Chapter 248, Acts of 1926, which reads as follows:

Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in the city of two thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two thirds of the selectmen.

Chapter 248, Acts of 1926

Any city, town or district officer who knowingly violates, or authorizes or directs any official or employee to violate, any provision of this chapter, or any other provision of general law relating to the incurring of liability or expenditure of public funds on account of any city, town, or district, or any provision of special law relating to the incurring of liability or expenditure of public funds as aforesaid, shall, except as otherwise provided, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both; and the mayor, selectmen, prudential committee, or commissioners, shall, and five taxpayers may, report such violation to the district attorney who shall investigate and prosecute the same.

It was also found that unpaid bills to the amount of \$88.43 in excess of the appropriation were outstanding in the library department. These bills, although unpaid, nevertheless constitute an overdraft and should be specifically provided for by the town, together with other overdrafts of 1926.

The town clerk's records of licenses issued for dogs and for hunting and fishing were examined, and the payments to the State and County treasurers were checked to the receipts on file.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked, the receipts being compared with the payment to the treasurer.

The records of the librarian relative to receipts from fines, circulating fees, etc., were examined, and the payments to the treasurer were compared with entries on the treasurer's books. Small payments by the librarian should be made from the petty cash fund, and the amounts of these payments should be subsequently placed on a warrant in order to replenish the petty cash fund.

The surety bonds given by the treasurer, the collector, and the town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and found to be as shown by the treasurer's accounts.

Tables showing the condition of the several funds are appended to this report.

For the co-operation received from the several town officials while engaged on the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and myself, to express appreciation,

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,

Chief Examiner.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1926	\$ 17,359.28	
Receipts	198,149.29	
	<hr/>	\$215,508.57
Payments	\$184,041.21	
Balance December 31, 1926	31,467.36	
	<hr/>	\$215,508.57
Balance per cash book December 31, 1926		\$31,467.36
Cash in office, verified	\$ 1,057.19	
Bank balance	30,078.15	
Overpayments	2.75	
Unlocated difference	104.33	
Cash in transit, verified	224.94	
	<hr/>	\$31,467.36
Bank balance December 31, 1926	\$30,078.15	
Outstanding checks, per list	\$3,140.28	
Less duplicate checks	5.00	
	<hr/>	3,135.28
	<hr/>	\$33,213.43
Balance Martha's Vineyard National Bank		
December 31, 1926, per statement	\$33,212.65	
Town of Chilmark check charged against		
Oak Bluffs, in error	.78	
	<hr/>	\$33,213.43

TAXES — 1921

E. H. Matthews, Collector

Due from collector January 1, 1926	\$79.35
Due from collector December 31, 1926	\$79.35

TAXES — 1922

E. H. Matthews, Collector

Due from collector January 1, 1926	\$231.98
Due from collector December 31, 1926	\$231.98

TAXES — 1922

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Outstanding January 1, 1926	\$17.90
Abatements	\$17.90

TAXES — 1923

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Due from collector January 1, 1926	\$58.55
Payments to treasurer 1926	\$58.55

TAXES — 1924

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Outstanding January 1, 1926	\$58.47
Payments to treasurer 1926	\$58.47

TAXES — 1925

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Due from collector January 1, 1926	\$4.50	
Outstanding January 1, 1926	11,497.10	
Abatement after payment—to be refunded	12.00	
Duplicate abatement—adjusted	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,516.60
Payments to treasurer	\$10,860.90	
Tax titles taken by town	62.25	
Abatements	560.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1926	27.70	
Due from collector December 31, 1926	5.50	
	<hr/>	\$11,516.60

TAXES — 1926

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Commitment per warrant	\$112,281.00
Additional commitment	73.35
Overpayment to be refunded	.50
	<hr/> \$112,354.85

Payments to treasurer	\$98,503.53
Abatements	583.00
Outstanding December 31, 1926, per list	13,215.35
Due from collector December 31, 1926	52.97
	<hr/> \$112,354.85

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses and permits issued:

Oleomargarine	\$ 1.50
Dance permits	51.00
Carriage and baggage	50.00
Agents and Used Car dealers	20.00
Junk dealer	50.00
Auctioneer	2.00
Checking	10.00
Shooting gallery	5.00
Sunday	105.00
Intelligence	2.00
Bowling	16.00
Theatre	150.00
Manicure	4.00
Pool	5.00
Innholders	66.00
Transient vendors	320.00
Marriage intentions	2.00
Amusement	10.00

Skating rink	25.00	
Bowling	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$910.50
Payments to treasurer	\$906.50	
Due from town clerk December 31, 1926	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$910.50

DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued:

79 males @ \$2.00	\$158.00	
12 females @ \$5.00	60.00	
	<hr/>	\$218.00

Payments to County Treasurer per receipts on file:

June 1, 1926	\$ 85.20	
December 29, 1926	114.60	
	<hr/>	\$199.80

Town Clerk's fees:

91 @ 20c	18.20	
	<hr/>	\$218.00

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Licenses issued 1926:

98 resident citizens' combinations @ \$2.25	\$220.50	
2 resident citizens' trapping @ \$2.25	4.50	
7 non-resident citizens' sporting @ \$5.25	36.75	
1 non-resident citizen's trapping @ \$5.25	5.25	
2 minor trapping @ \$.75	1.50	
1 resident citizen's lobsterman @ \$1.00	1.00	
3 duplicate licenses @ \$.50	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$271.00

Payments to State Treasurer	\$237.60	
Town Clerk's fees:		
110 @ 25c	\$27.50	
1 @ 15c	.15	
	<hr/>	27.65
Due from Town Clerk	5.75	
	<hr/>	\$271.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Outstanding January 1, 1926,	\$.02	
Fees for sealing,	38.05	
Overpayment to treasurer(to be adjusted),	.60	
		<hr/> \$38.67
Payments to treasurer,		\$38.67

LIBRARY

Received from fees and fines 1926,	\$281.61	
Overpayment to treasurer to be refunded,	1.00	
		\$282.61
Payments to treasurer	\$273.93	
Miscellaneous expenditures to be reimbursed from petty cash,	\$.98	
Cash on hand December 31, 1926,	7.70	
		<hr/> \$282.61
Cash on hand January 1, 1927,	\$7.70	
Receipts January 1 to 7, 1927,	.99	
		\$8.69
Cash on hand January 7, 1927,		<hr/> \$8.69

ANNA K. BARBEY POOR FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	\$5,430.15	\$5,430.15
On hand at end of year,	\$5,430.15	\$5,430.15
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Receipts	Payments	
Income, \$274.88	Paid to treasurer for poor,	\$274.88
Total, \$274.88		\$274.88

REBECCA CLARKE POOR FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	\$1,306.03	\$1,306.03
On hand at end of year,	1,275.61	1,275.61
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Receipts	Payments	
Income \$66.08	Paid to Treasurer for Poor,	\$96.50
Withdrawn from Savings Bank, 30.42		
Total, \$96.50	Total,	\$96.50

ICHABOD NORTON FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year,	\$992.68	\$992.68
On hand at end of year,	947.17	947.17

	Receipts	Payments	
Income.	\$50.23	Paid to Treasurer for	
Withdrawn from		Poor,	\$95.74
Savings Bank;	45.51		
Total,	\$95.74	Total,	\$95.74

ANNA K. BARBEY SCHOOL FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year,		\$10,262.23	\$10,262.23
On hand at end of year,		10,676.81	10,676.81
	Receipts,	Payments	
Income,	\$414.58	Deposited in Sav- ings Bank,	\$414.58
Total,	\$414.58	Total,	\$414.58

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Cash	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year,		\$2,404.55	\$2,404.55
On hand at end of year,	\$100.00	3,180.73	3,230.73
	Receipts	Payments	
Bequests,	\$850.00	Deposited in Sav- ings Bank,	\$776.18
Income,	113.55	Care of Lots,	87.37
		Cash on hand De- cember 31, 1926,	100.00
Total,	\$963.55	Total,	\$963.55

ANNUAL
SCHOOL REPORT



1926



Report of School Committee

Oak Bluffs, Mass.

January 15, 1927

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Dear Sirs and Fellow Citizens:

The year 1926 has passed into history. It has been a year of progress along many lines and especially that of education, and we have tried to keep our schools at the head.

With commissioner Payson Smith at the head and his Advisory Board, Massachusetts has kept in the line of advancement.

In the "Division of Elementary and Secondary Education and Normal Schools," we have Martha's Vineyard's friend of its schools as "Director," and as he has made many visits to the Schools in the county we have had the benefit of his experience, and advice in the best methods of teaching the various subjects and problems that confront the teachers, students, and pupils. Your Committee have tried to keep our schools up to the standards he has presented to us for our guidance. With the efficient corps of teachers in our schools at the present time, there is no reason, (if the pupils and students do their part)

why our schools should not be equal to other schools of our town's size and equipment. It would be a great help if the parents and others interested in our town's welfare and in the education of its future citizens, would visit the schools and see what busy places our schools are in the various departments of our school system. The report of the School Nurse shows that there is something for the parents to do in looking out for the health of their children, in co-operation with what the Town Authorities, School Committee, Principal, School Nurse, and teachers are trying to do for the children. We hope an *extra effort* will be made by the mothers to consult with the School Nurse in relation to their children along health lines. More room is needed and as many will enter the schools in the Fall of 1927 additional room should be provided by building onto the present school building or by the consideration of some plan or arrangement for the increased attendance which is sure to come, and is already awaiting admittance. The reports of the Superintendent and others at the head of their special departmental work will give a general idea of the needs, and what is being done for the cause of education and health of pupils in the schools of this town. While you have the reports of what is being accomplished by "Special Teachers" we should do justice to the teachers in the High School and Grades, who are conscientious workers in their several positions, to say that all seem to be working hard for the general welfare and instruction of their pupils in the grades, and the students in our high schools. We have been fortunate in securing an excellent teacher, Mr. Herman Noyes, for the junior high school and we feel sure of good results from present indications.

Of the Manual Training Department, we can say that the erection of a suitable building by the students last year for the Manual Training Department, was a move in the right direction and the boys deserve that proper equipment should be installed gradually and a supply of tools added so that a variety of work may be done in the "Shop," so they may learn by practise, how to do other branches of work and thereby gain experience that will be of advantage to them in gaining a livelihood in the coming years. The report of the Household Arts Department work is well outlined by the teacher in charge and you are referred to it for a general idea of what the girls are doing at the little "Home Cottage on the hill," where practical lessons in all the branches of home keeping is taught during the school year. Why not visit this little school at once and see what a busy time the classes have there.

Before closing this report your School Committee wish to thank the Selectmen and the citizens of the town for their co-operation with the committee for the welfare of our schools and for the whole-heartedness with which they have provided the appropriation needed to bring your schools up to the standard to which they have attained.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN,
MINNIE E. VINCENT,
ETHEL L. BARNEY.

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools — for details I refer you to the reports of Principal, Special Teachers and School Nurse which are a part of this report.

The year just closed has been a very successful one owing primarily to the fact that few of our good teachers resigned and in those cases we were able to fill the vacancies with capable teachers. The continued success of our schools rests upon our being able to secure and retain good teachers for a period of years. Raising our salary schedule especially in the elementary grades will do more than anything else to enable us to retain our best teachers. The teachers who come to us like the Island as a rule and other things being equal stay with us as long as our salaries compare favorably with other communities of our size.

We have tried to encourage teachers to improve themselves by attending summer schools, taking correspondence courses, reading professional books, and attending educational conferences. I think the time will soon come when each teacher will be required as part of her contract to take summer courses at

least every third year. Owing to our insular location teachers cannot avail themselves of afternoon and Saturday courses and it seems to me that it would be well for the district to set aside a sum of money for the purpose of having several educational conferences during the year at which different phases of education could be presented by well known educators.

In the fall the State held an institute at Oak Bluffs attended by all Island teachers and also the Nantucket teachers. Miss Lombard of the State Health Department visited us on four successive weeks and at each visit gave a talk to parents in the afternoon and one to the teachers in the evening. These meetings were well attended and proved very helpful.

If you wish to measure the distance from Edgartown to Gay Head, or the amount of water in one of our reservoirs, you can do it quite accurately because you have definite standards to measure with, when you attempt to measure the school achievement of children it is an entirely different matter as we have no definite educational foot rule we can apply to measure results. The best we can do, when sending report cards to parents, is to place on them marks or ranks which are based upon the judgment of the teacher. If the same teacher has the pupil through the eight grades, the parent will come to understand the marking of that teacher and can tell readily whether the child is progressing as he should. Should there be a change in teachers, his marks may be lower or higher than formerly while doing the same quality of work. The reason for this is that this new teacher has a different standard (a shorter or longer foot rule.) Experiments have been tried in having twenty or more teachers score the same history examination, and the

resultant scores ranged from 40% to 98%, thus showing the unreliability of teachers' marks. Parents often find fault with the teacher, because Mary's marks are so low but they should try to find out where Mary stands in relation to the rest of the class, as this, I think, is just as important and more reliable in showing progress and standing, than are teachers' marks.

I think among the many complaints and criticisms coming to a superintendent of schools there are more in relation to teachers' marks than any other thing. Invariably the complaint is that the rank is too low—never yet a complaint that the rank is too high. In ninety-nine out of every hundred cases investigated it has been found that teachers gave too high a mark instead of too low. When Mary comes home with 67% or 83% on her card you can rest assured that her rank is not more but if anything, may be lower than the marks given. The next time the teachers' marks do not please you visit the school and have a talk with the teacher about the matter for in this way the parent and teacher can see the others point of view and co-operate to help the child.

We have in our school quite a few children who for various reasons mental or physical, are retarded three or more years—that is, a boy, who can't do work beyond grade II, owing to age, size and number of years in school, is in grade V. He can't do good work in grade V nor should he be placed in grade II with smaller and younger children.

Chapter 71, Sec. 46, R. L. provides that school authorities shall ascertain each year how many children are three or more years retarded. If ten or more are found, a special class must

be formed for them. In compliance with this law clinics were held in all the towns of the Island and as a result of the findings special classes should be opened in the larger towns and provision made in the other towns for those needing special instructions.

The schools conducted the sale of Christmas Seals. Eighty-five per cent of the proceeds is for use in the County, some of which is used for health material and clinics held by Dr. Wagner and some is used to establish a dental clinic. This clinic will be located for several weeks in each of the larger towns and will give dental service to the lower grades. Pupils from the other towns will be transported to the clinic at Vineyard Haven or Edgartown.

The usual field day for lower grades was held at Gay Head and West Tisbury during the spring term. Grades VII and VIII made a pilgrimage to Plymouth going by auto bus from Woods Hole.

The 4-H club work has been going on for several years is stronger than ever with clubs of some kind in nearly every school. The prize winners in each of the clubs were given a weeks camping trip to the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, last July.

In the spring all of our schools took part in a national spelling bee and the champion for the island was John Osborne of Edgartown. John took part in the match at New Bedford and was among the last to be spelled down.

In December, 1925 our schools took part in a state-wide arithmetic test and the results show that we stand higher than the average for the state. A similar test has just been taken that is being taken by all the New England States. We anxiously await the results hoping we will head the list.

To make our records more up to date the office record of each pupil will contain among other necessary data his photograph — these photographs have just been taken. It is predicted that in the near future the finger prints of each child will be taken and recorded upon entering school.

Instead of writing at length in regard to a new building I refer you to what I said last year, with these additions. Instead of locating the new building near the present building, place it on Niantic Park making the auditorium large enough to serve for a town hall. Build the auditorium and enough rooms to take care of grades VII & VIII and high school and let the lower grades remain in the old building for a time till we get ready to enlarge the building to take care of all the grades.

In conclusion I wish to thank the citizens, committee, teachers, and pupils for the fine spirit of co-operation given me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. MARTIN,

Supt. of Schools.

Principal's Report

Mr. R. W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report of the Oak Bluffs schools.

During the fall term the daily attendance has been very good as may be seen from the table of statistics.

The total enrollment this fall was again far in excess of the capacity of the building, being 294 pupils; 49 more than the building should accomodate.

In accordance with recommendations made by the State Inspector of buildings, improvements aiming toward fire protection have been made in the building.

Each year I take this opportunity to extend again to the parents and friends of the children an invitation to visit the school.

In behalf of the High School I wish to thank Miss Ethel Barney for her donation of several books among which is a set of the "American Encyclopaedic Dictionary" in four volumes.

Last spring Henry Clay Wade Relief Corps., No. 134, of this Town, offered a prize of \$5.00 in gold for the best essay on, "What It means to be an American Citizen," and the prize was awarded to Miss Amy Denniston of the Class of 1928.

I wish to thank the parents, whom I have always found eager and willing to aid and support me, and to express my appreciation of the work of the teachers and the support of the School Committee and the Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

H. G. JORDAN

Report of Supervisor of Household Arts Department

Oak Bluffs, Mass.

January 7, 1927

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my first annual report of the work accomplished and planned for in the Household Arts Department.

The enrollment and program for this year is as follows:

Fifth Grade: one period of sewing a week; 21 girls.

Sixth Grade: one period of sewing a week; 11 girls.

Seventh Grade: three periods of sewing a week; 19 girls.

Seventh Grade: two periods of cooking a week; 19 girls.

Eighth Grade: three periods of sewing a week; 11 girls.

Eighth Grade: two periods of cooking a week; 11 girls.

Vocational: $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours a day; 4 girls.

Since the fifth grade girls are beginners, they are taught the fundamental sewing stitches and are working on simple projects such as bags and aprons. The sixth grade girls, this being their second year of sewing, are receiving the fundamental stitches and are learning the principle of machine stitching and simple constructions.

The girls of the seventh grade have made cooking caps and aprons and simple Christmas projects. They have been taught how to darn, to patch, and to make buttonholes. At present they are working on their underwear problems and later on will make simple kimono dresses.

In the seventh grade cookery course, the principles of cooking and housework are taught on the meal planning bases. The girls prepare individual dishes for a certain meal for several lessons and as a review plan, prepare, and serve a whole meal in one lesson. They have already completed their breakfast project which was a success. To help them to select good breakfast dishes, they have made charts illustrating "A healthy Girl's Breakfast."

The eighth grade girls have been taught the use and application of commercial patterns and the principles of garment construction. Their course also includes the care of clothing, renovating and remodeling, dress etiquette, and the principles of costume design.

The cooking course of the Eighth Grade is also based on meal planning but it is more advanced than that of the Seventh Grade. A health course is given along with the cooking course, under which comes the classification of foods, the essentials of balanced meals, meal planning, the Health Rules, and their application.

The Vocational girls spend one half of their time at the cottage doing Practical Work and the other half at school. It is these girls who do most in taking care of the cottage. Already in their Home-making course they have painted the kitchen furniture and the furniture of one bedroom. They have made curtains for the kitchen and are now braiding a

rag rug for one of the bedrooms. The girls have also done some sewing for themselves. Underwear, dresses, Christmas projects and children's clothes have been made. Remodeling, renovating, care of clothes, laundering, costume design and dress etiquette are some of the subjects covered in this course.

The Vocational girls have served two dinners, to which several of the teachers were invited. They have made pies and cakes to sell and are eager to take orders from the parents, as they enjoy cooking for others rather than for themselves.

The 4 H. Food and Clothing Clubs have been started by the girls. There are three food clubs and one clothing club.

The girls meet every other week and the officers conduct regular business meetings. A report of the work done the preceding weeks by each girl is given and some form of entertainment is planned by the two girls chosen for the entertainment committee. The girls are given tasks to do at home during the year and if they complete them all they are awarded 4 H. pins. These clubs are under the supervision of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst.

The cooperation of the parents is very essential in both the school work and club work of the girls and a cordial invitation is given to all of them to visit the Domestic Science Cottage whenever it is convenient for them.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH F. VAN IDERSTEIN

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Supt. of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my first Music report.

The music in the schools on the island is rapidly progressing. In the first grades, rote songs are taught; to give the child musical experience and as a foundation on which to build later music studies. Also they are given experience in reading from staff notation, on the board.

In the second grade, rote songs are again used to increase the child's musical vocabulary and correlated with drawing and language work. Books are in the hands of the children and they are taught to read by syllables and number.

In the third grade books are in use, although a few rote songs are still taught. Theory is here introduced and in the third, fourth, and fifth grades, the child acquires all the knowledge necessary to complete their course in music in the Public Schools.

In the sixth grades, melody writing is introduced and is gradually followed by two and three part writing. Music history is begun here.

In the Junior High, history is broadened out to include all the phases, both artists and composers. Music Appreciation with the victrola is introduced. Two and three part songs are sung. Piano classes are introduced to be attended outside of class, with the nominal charge of twenty-five cents, to pay for the music.

In the High School, choruses are used, three and four part songs. Composers and artists are discussed, theory reviewed, operetta worked out and given for the public. The proceeds of which are used in helping outfit gymnasiums, etc.

In the rural schools the same plan is carried out as far as possible. The classes are smaller and are grouped into two groups. The results are excellent.

For the most part the children like to sing and are eager to learn. With the big aim in mind—that of teaching the child to sing and appreciate good music all are co-operating to attain this end. I wish to thank Mr. Martin, Mr. Jordan, and all the teachers for their hearty co-operation and also to thank the students for their support and to commend them for the excellent way they also have co-operated.

Respectfully submitted,

ISABEL E. LLEWELLYN

Supervisor of Music.

Report of School Nurse

	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
School Visits.....	9	10	10	9	7	5	7	13	10	11	92
Home Visits.....	12	6	4	26	68	82	56	22	4		280
Telephone Visits.....	4		10	1	2		5			3	25
Examination—School Physician.....										259	259
Examination—Dentist.....			162								162
Children Advised.....	4	1	2	6	1	1	10	5	3		33
Diet Regulated.....					2			3			5
Clinic—Dr. Woodward.....							27				27
Examination after Absence.....			3				44	2	1	1	51
Examination, Eyes.....									263		263
Examination, Ears, Hearing.....									263		263
Defective Hearing.....									5		5
Defective Vision.....									26		26
Glasses Procured.....										2	2
Glasses Changed.....										2	2
Dental Work Procured.....	4	3	2	6		6	5	6	4	14	50
Exclusions.....			5			6	40	4	3		58
Bottles ...	1			3			2	2	1		9
Foreign Body in Eyes.....		2			1		1			1	5

Report of School Nurse Continued

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	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUNE	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL
Glands, (Non-suppurative)			2								2
Hordeolum.....		1					1	1			3
Impetigo.....			2				4	2	1	3	10
Pediculosis.....	18	12	6		1		55	18	7	7	124
Epestaxis.....	1		4	2	1		3	2		1	14
Dressings Applied.....	4	7	10	6	5	7	12	6	11	7	75
Talk for Mothers.....										1	1
Children X-rayed.....									2		2

The above is my report for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE V. LANDERS.

Statistics

TABLE OF STATISTICS 1925-1926

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Ruth E. Phillips	40	29.84	87
2	Grace P. Smith	40	31.43	94
3	Muriel Pease	51	36.35	92
4	Elsie R. Chadwick	44	32.69	92
5	Mildred B. Wadsworth	33	26.03	91
6	Mary E. Place	27	21.09	91
7	Clyde J. Potter	53	42.11	87
8	" " "			
High School		43	34.73	92

TEACHERS 7-12 INCLUSIVE

H. G. Jordan. Principal
 Kathleen Coleman
 Mary De Bettencourt
 Letha N. Hurd

VOCATIONAL

Charles G. Sharpe, Manual Training Dept.
 HOME ECONOMICS

Elizabeth Bourne, Household Arts, Domestic Science

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Constance Fort

SCHOOL NURSE

Irene V. Landers. R. N.

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Edward P. Worth, M. D.

TABLE OF STATISTICS—DECEMBER 1926

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Ruth E. Phillips	30	23.27	88.7
2	Grace P. Smith	26	24.2	94
3	Muriel Pease	39	33.6	90
4	Elsie R. Chadwick	43	36.31	94
5	Mildred B. Wadsworth	40	32.97	92
6	Mary E. Place	26	23.53	93
7	John A. McGowan	26	22.9	92
8	" " "	27	21.88	91
High		37	31.78	91

TEACHERS 7-12 INCLUSIVE

H. G. Jordan. Principal

Letha N. Hurd

Mary De Bettencourt

Kathleen Coleman

VOCATIONAL

Charles G. Sharpe, Manual Training Dept.

HOME ECONOMICS

Edith Van Iderstein

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Isabel Lewellyn

SCHOOL NURSE

Irene V. Landers. R. N.

SCHOOL DOCTOR

Edward P. Worth, M. D.

Vocational Instructor's Report

Mr. R. W. Martin
Supt. of Schools
Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Following the plan tried out last year, the 7th and 8th grade boys were divided into small classes and each class spends the entire afternoon once each week, in the shop, and is again proving very successful.

The program of work this year calls for the construction, by each student, of a mechanical toy, a group of objects such as tabourets, stands, stools, table lamps, tie racks etc., finishing with the design and construction of a red cedar chest. Repair jobs of various kinds come in and are cared for so that all the students profit in a practical way.

Not all the boys are interested in wood making so this year we have a ford chasis to overhaul. One class is devoted to this work and by actually doing the various jobs required, under careful supervision much valuable experience is gained by the students.

The Vocational building is well lighted, warm and comfortable. The high school classes in Science use it for a laboratory and recitation periods. Enlargement and extension of this type of work is clearly indicated as vital to the proper growth of the school.

Very sincerely yours,

CHAS. G. SHARPE

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1927 - 1928

Winter Term: Jan. 4 to March 25, 1927.

Spring Term: April 5 to June 17, 1927.

Fall Term: Sept. 7 to Dec. 23, 1927.

Winter Term: Jan. 3 to March 29, 1928.

Spring Term: April 10 to June 15, 1928.

ANNUAL
FINANCIAL REPORT
—OF THE—
TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS



—FOR—
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927
AND THE SCHOOL REPORT

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Town Officers, 1927

Town Clerk

JOHN MILLER

Selectmen and Members of Department of Public Welfare

NORMAN L. PRATT	Term expires Feb., 1928
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN	Term expires Feb., 1930
MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT	Term expires Feb., 1929

Accountant

JOHN MILLER

Assessors

FREDERICK W. SMITH	Term expires Feb., 1928
LEWIS BARTLETT	Term expires Feb., 1930
HOLLIS W. ENGLE	Term expires Feb., 1929

Treasurer

WALTER C. RIPLEY

Collector of Taxes

EDWIN R. FRASIER

School Committee

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN	Term expires Feb., 1930
ETHEL L. BARNEY	Term expires Feb., 1929
MINNIE E. VINCENT	Term expires Feb., 1928

Board of Health

MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN
NORMAN L. PRATT

Park Commissioners

PETER J. TAEGER	Term expires Feb., 1929
JOSEPH E. AMARAL	Term expires Feb., 1930
THOMAS A. McGRATH	Term expires Feb., 1928

Cemetery Commissioners

I. HERBERT FRANCIS	Term expires Feb., 1930
EMERY N. NOYES	Term expires Feb., 1929
CHARLES A. WILLIAMS	Term expires Feb., 1928

Library Trustees

ELIZABETH E. RICE	Term expires Feb., 1930
WALTER C. RIPLEY	Term expires Feb., 1929
HERBERT A. EDDY	Term expires Feb., 1928

Board of Fire Engineers

ANTONE P. MEDEIROS
FREDERICK W. SMITH
CLEMENT STUDLEY

Chief of Police

WALTER W. GILKES

Night Watchman

JOHN JONES

Constables

JOHN A. DeBETTENCOURT

HARRY T. WEBB

Sealer of Weights and Measures

JOSEPH A. SYLVIA

Tree Warden

GEORGE FRYE

Moth Superintendent

FRANK F. BLANKENSHIP

**Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of
Wood and Bark**

HERBERT A. EDDY

PETER J. TAEGER

Fence Viewers

MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT

THOMAS A. McGRATH

Pound Keeper

WALTER W. GILKES

Field Drivers

MANUEL R. SILVIA

HARRY T. WEBB

Finance Committee

Terms expire 1928

HUBERT T. DEAN, M. D.

JOSEPH E. AMARAL

WALLACE A. ESTEY

JOHN W. McGRATH

WILLIAM H. PEARSON

Terms expire 1929

REUBEN PHILLIPS

JOHN H. HUGHES

HERBERT A. EDDY

EBEN D. BODFISH

THOMAS L. WILLISTON

Terms expire 1930

M. CLAYTON HOYLE

FRANK F. BLANKENSHIP

DAVID J. McBRIDE

JESSE STEERE

WILLIAM NORTON, JR.

Valuation April 1, 1927

The following items taken from the Assessors' Valuation List for the year 1927.

Total Valuation of assessed estate, April 1, 1927	\$3,791,629.00
Total tax on personal estate	21,047.56
Total tax on real estate	104,076.19
Total Tax on polls	864.00
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Total Tax	\$125,987.75

State Tax	\$ 6,360.00
State Highway Tax	477.40
Municipal Audit Tax	478.00
County Tax	11,507.74
Overlay, 1927	314.05
Town Tax, Assessed	105,986.56
Tax on Polls	864.00
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Total	\$125,987.75

Number of residents assessed on property	613
Number of non-residents assessed on property	1,057
Number on poll tax only	432
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	2,102
Number of horses	23
Number of cows	78
Number of neat cattle	3
Number of swine	30
Number of fowl	370
Number of dwelling houses	1,316
Number of acres of land	3,423

EXEMPTED PROPERTY

African M. E. Church	\$ 500.00
Bradley Memorial Church	2,500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association	4,250.00
Episcopal Church Society	4,000.00
Fall River Deaconess Home	1,000.00
I.O.O.F. personal property	250.00
M. V. Camp Meeting Association	5,250.00
M. V. Hospital Association	7,700.00
Methodist Episcopal Association	5,500.00
Oak Bluffs Baptist Church	5,500.00
Order of Eastern Star	350.00
Sacred Heart Parish, Old Church	4,500.00
Sacred Heart Parish, New Church	27,000.00
Union Chapel Christian Association	8,000.00
United States of America	6,400.00
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	\$82,700.00

Receipts

TAXES

Levy of 1925	\$ 11.00
Levy of 1926	12,374.30
Levy of 1927	90,570.64
Tax titles redeemed	416.09
Income tax	11,102.00
Corporation tax	834.54
National Bank tax	31.26
	<hr/> \$115,339.83

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Shellfish	\$ 14.00
Junk	50.00
Gas Station	2.50
Used Car Dealer	10.00
Auctioneer	4.00
Bowling	16.00
Shooting Gallery	5.00
Checking	10.00
Skating Rink	25.00
Intelligence Office	4.00

Theatre	150.00	
Innholders	46.00	
Sunday	90.00	
Transient Vendor	455.00	
Carriage	33.00	
Baggage	5.00	
Common Victualler	24.00	
Eel-pot	6.00	
Dance Hall	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$999.50

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines	\$123.05
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GRANTS AND GIFTS

From the State:

Vocational School	420.11
School Superintendent	
Small Towns	443.64
Smith-Hughes Fund	67.93

From County:

Dog Licenses	137.31	
	<hr/>	\$1,068.99

DEPARTMENTAL

Collector's Costs	13.58
Town Hall, Rental	150.00

Sealer—Weights and Measures, fees	39.69	
Sealer—State Division of Standards	18.00	
Moth Department Sale of Lead	12.00	
Division of Sanitation	73.57	
Highway Department Sale of Material	12.00	
Public Welfare		
Temporary Aid, State	538.00	
Mothers, Aid	797.33	
Cities and Towns	380.00	
Soldiers' Benefits:		
Exemption	46.80	
State Aid	174.00	
School Department		
Rents	200.00	
Sale of Supplies	12.10	
Library Department		
Fines and Fees	378.09	
Food Sale	23.00	
Park Department		
Tennis Court	361.50	
Sale of Building	375.00	
Reimbursement		
Legal Expense	10.66	
Cemeteries—Income on Perpetual Care Funds	104.04	
	<hr/>	\$3,719.36

INTEREST

On Deposits	\$ 406.55	
On Deferred Taxes	434.24	
On Clark Public Welfare Fund	30.84	
On Barley Welfare Fund	247.10	
On Norton Welfare Fund	43.09	
Reimbursements:		
Overpayments, 1926	21.25	
	<hr/>	\$1,183.07

INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	\$ 60,000.00	
Cement Wall and Improvements		
On Waterfront	26,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 86,500.00

AGENCY

State Tax	6,360.00	
Highway Tax	477.40	
Auditing	478.00	
County Tax	11,507.74	
	<hr/>	\$ 18,823.14

TRUST

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		\$300.00
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REFUNDS

Public Welfare	\$77.00	
Park Department	70.93	
Removal of Snow	4.00	
Sealer's Department	3.20	
Fire Department	4.00	
	<hr/>	\$159.13
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		\$ 228,216.07
Cash Balance Jan. 1, 1927.		31,467.36
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Grand Total		\$ 259,683.43

Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATIVE

Salary of Moderator	\$15.00
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SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries of Selectmen	\$600.00
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Expenses:

Janitor	\$50.00
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Telephone	39.10
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Transportation	45.00
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Fuel and Lights	97.25
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Printing, Postage and Stationery	15.15
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All Other	27.90
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ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Accountant	\$1,700.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage and Stationery	11.10
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TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Treasurer		\$400.00	
Expenses:			
Surety Bond	\$54.50		
Certifying Notes	32.00		
Printing, Postage and			
Stationery	26.72		
All Other	58.06		
		<u>171.28</u>	
			<u>571.28</u>

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Collector		\$750.00	
Expenses:			
Surety Bond	\$109.00		
Printing, Postage and			
Stationery	64.43		
Advertising	10.50		
Adding Machine	75.00		
All Other	6.78		
		<u>265.71</u>	
			<u>1,015.71</u>

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

Salaries of Assessors		\$600.00	
Expenses:			
Abstracts	\$61.15		
Printing, Postage and			
Stationery	114.05		
All Other	7.42		
		<u>182.62</u>	
			<u>782.62</u>

LAW DEPARTMENT

Services of Town Counsel		\$75.00	
Expenses:			
Legal Documents	\$10.00		
	<u> </u>	10.00	
		<u> </u>	85.00

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Salary of Town Clerk		\$300.00	
Expenses:			
Vital Statistics	\$139.90		
Physician's Returns	20.25		
Bond	4.00		
Printing, Postage and			
Stationery	45.53		
All Other	60.59		
	<u> </u>	270.27	
		<u> </u>	570.27

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Salary of Board of Registrars	\$100.00		
Election Officers	70.50		
	<u> </u>	170.50	
Expenses:			
Posting Warrants	\$4.50		
Printing, Postage and			
Stationery	62.00		
	<u> </u>	66.50	
		<u> </u>	237.00
Rent of Columbus Hall			\$300.00

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Stock and Labor	\$80.80	
All Other	2.75	
	<hr/>	83.55

REPAIRS AND PAINTING TOWN BUILDINGS

Contracts—Painting	\$520.00	
Extra—Painting	143.10	
Contracts—Repairs	466.78	
Floor Coverings—Labor and Stock	107.82	
Painting Signs	65.00	
Fixtures, Etc.	54.38	
All Other	41.24	
	<hr/>	1,398.32

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salary of Chief	\$1,500.00	
Salary of Night Watch	1,460.00	
Salary of Patrolmen	990.00	
Expenses:		
Auto Hire	\$64.00	
Paints	21.60	
All Other	21.46	
	<hr/>	107.06
	<hr/>	4,057.06

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Chief of Fire Department	\$50.00	
Board of Engineers	50.00	
Firemen	758.33	
Stewards	120.00	
Supt. of Alarm and Care of Batteries	200.00	
	<hr/>	1,178.33

Expenses:

Hydrant Repairs	\$18.25	
Alarm Repairs	173.59	
Apparatus Repairs	34.25	
Fuel and Light	327.09	
Freight and Carting	23.84	
New Boxes	242.95	
New Batteries and Jars	391.14	
New Hose	1,000.00	
Repairs to Battery Room	132.90	
New Air Compressor	854.98	
New Pumper	7,500.00	
Hydrant Rentals	2,731.17	
All Other	427.65	
	<hr/>	13,857.81
		<hr/> 15,036.14

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary of Sealer	\$100.00
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Expenses:

Transportation	\$39.30	
Equipment	18.17	
Insurance	28.80	
	<hr/>	86.27
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		186.27

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Labor	\$256.50
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Expenses:

Teams, Etc.	\$57.27	
Insecticides	77.46	
All Other	9.35	
	<hr/>	144.08
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		400.58

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

Services of Warden	\$100.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

Salaries:

Board of Health	\$75.00	
Board of Agents	150.00	
	<hr/>	225.00

Expenses:

Tuberculosis Hospital	\$1,005.64
General Hospitals	45.00

Transportation	25.00	
All Other	114.40	
	<u> </u>	1,190.04
		<u> </u> 1,415.04

Inspector of Slaughtering: Salary	\$75.00
Inspector of Animals: Salary	\$50.00

COLLECTOR OF OFFAL

Labor	\$1,721.00	
Truck Supplies and Repairs	888.14	
	<u> </u>	2,609.14

CARE OF DUMPS

Labor	\$590.50	
Supplies	2.50	
	<u> </u>	593.00

PUBLIC SANITARIES

Labor	\$384.00	
Expenses:		
Water	\$76.08	
Lease	100.00	
Repairs	47.70	
All Other	77.16	
	<u> </u>	300.94
		<u> </u> 684.94

CLEANING CATCH BASINS

Labor	\$62.00
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Expenses:

Covers and Pipe, Etc.	\$60.25	
All Other	36.04	
	<hr/>	96.29
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		158.29

SWEEPING STREETS

Labor	\$775.50
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Expenses:

Supplies	22.80	
	<hr/>	798.30

SURVEY OF LAND FOR DUMP

Services	\$261.15
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

REPAIRS TO CONCRETE ROADS

Labor	\$2,984.80
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Expenses:

Tar and Asphalt	\$1,016.44	
Gravel and Stone	350.43	
Supplies	215.48	
Mixer	251.29	
Freight and Carting	279.94	
All Other	66.81	
	<hr/>	2,180.39
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		5,165.19

REPAIRS TO DIRT ROADS

Labor		\$1,267.59	
Expenses:			
Teams	\$57.25		
Supplies	143.62		
All Other	21.40		
		<u>222.27</u>	
			<u>1,489.86</u>

MAPLE AVENUE

Labor	\$186.50
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LANE BETWEEN METELL'S AND HEARTLEY

Labor	\$65.00
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DUKES COUNTY AVENUE

Labor	\$1,272.37
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Expenses:

Asphalt	\$733.90	
Stone	217.20	
Freight and Carting	134.96	
All Other	60.48	
	<u>1,146.54</u>	
		<u>2,418.91</u>

SURFACE WATER—SHAWMUT AND
VINEYARD AVENUES

Labor	\$60.40
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Expenses:

Land Lease	\$100.00	
Culvert Pipe	324.09	
All Other	22.83	
	<hr/>	446.92
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		507.32

COUNTY ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Contract:

Oak Bluffs Share of Cost	\$10,993.37
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NEW YORK AND LAKE AVENUES

Labor	\$364.25
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Expenses:

Sand and Gravel	\$37.20	
Road Oil	596.29	
	<hr/>	633.49
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		997.74

BULKHEADS AND BRIDGES

Labor	\$234.00
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Expenses:

Lumber	\$33.36	
Cement	39.30	
All Other	78.75	
	<hr/>	151.41
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		385.41

REMOVAL OF SNOW

Labor and Teams	\$425.75
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STREET LIGHTING

Contract	\$9,853.90
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Expenses:

New Lights	\$283.00	
Replacements	112.24	
Supplies	81.30	
	<hr/>	476.54
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		10.330.44

HARBOR MASTER

Salary	\$50.00
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Expenses:

Labor and Supplies	\$100.00	
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		150.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

PUBLIC WELFARE

Expenses:

Cash Aid	\$6,214.00
Mother's Aid	1,040.00
Medical Attendance	574.06
Hospital Care	459.00

Groceries and Provisions	476.69	
Fuel	246.25	
Rent	159.70	
Burial	70.00	
Relief by Other Cities and Towns	231.00	
Assistance in Paying Taxes	42.00	
All Other	232.07	
	<hr/>	9,744.77

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid:

Cash Aid	\$10.00	
Burial	100.00	
	<hr/>	110.00

Soldiers' Relief:

Cash	\$48.00	
Hospital Care	82.00	
	<hr/>	130.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

School Committee	\$150.00
Secretary	100.00
Superintendent	825.00
Physician	100.00

Nurse	650.00	
Teachers	16,710.00	
Janitor	975.00	
	<hr/>	19,510.00

Expenses:

Transportation	\$636.40	
Water	47.00	
Fuel and Lights	1,397.75	
Telephone	39.84	
Text Books and Supplies	1,951.08	
Domestic Science Supplies	228.34	
Manual Training Supplies	63.50	
Repairs to Buildings	421.24	
Janitor's Supplies	99.88	
All Other	558.61	
	<hr/>	5,443.64
		<hr/> 24,953.64

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3,225.64

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Services, Librarian	\$407.50	
Services, Janitor	117.00	
	<hr/>	524.50

Expenses:

Books and Periodicals	\$361.25
Fuel and Light	55.15
Rent	180.00
Water	36.00

Binding	27.10	
All Other	89.90	
	<hr/>	749.40
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		1,273.90
Unpaid Bills—1926		\$88.43

RECREATION

PUBLIC PARKS

Labor and Teams	\$2,678.52	
Plants and Shrubs	1,488.11	
Loam	96.00	
Printing, Postage, Etc.	8.50	
Power Lawn Mower	356.51	
All Other	371.89	
	<hr/>	4,999.53

TENNIS COURTS—MAINTENANCE

Labor	\$537.00	
Supplies	48.10	
	<hr/>	585.10

PETALUMA PARK BASEBALL FIELD

Contracts: Field	\$2,010.00	
Labor	113.87	
Building Bleachers	706.14	
Gravel and Cement	101.56	
All Other	61.06	
	<hr/>	2,992.63

CEMENT WALL AND WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS

Labor	\$12,832.90
Trucks and Teams	495.05
Cement	1,550.20
Stone and Gravel	1,729.16
Loam and Grass	3,951.79
Lumber	1,164.14
Iron Pipe Fencing	1,897.74
Freight and Carting	218.20
Wheelbarrows, Etc.	199.70
Electrical Work	1,600.00
All Other	1,861.10
	<hr/> 27,499.98

LAND TAKING BETWEEN BATH HOUSES AND STEAMBOAT WHARF

Legal Services	\$200.00
Witnesses and Travel Expenses	1,274.30
Services, Court Stenographer	153.03
Survey and Plans	901.30
Deeds, Etc.	15.91
Advertising	3.75
Photographs	14.50
	<hr/> 2,562.79

UNCLASSIFIED

Advertising	\$ 250.00
Amusements	2,500.00

Plans of Town	272.50
Town Reports	262.50
Memorial Day	50.00

Town Store House:

Purchase Price	\$2,000.00	
Recording Fees	2.04	
	<u> </u>	2,002.04

PLANNING BOARD

Expenses	\$10.00
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RESERVE FUND

To Treasurer's Department	\$ 58.06	
To Soldiers' Benefits	150.00	
To Health Department	261.15	
	<u> </u>	*469.21

CEMETERIES

CARE OF CEMETERY

Salary:

Chairman	\$75.00	
Labor	611.69	
	<u> </u>	686.69

Expenses:

Water	\$19.24
Loam and Fertilizer	60.02
Shrubs	10.95

Concrete	428.50	
All Other	62.33	
	<hr/>	581.04
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		1,267.73

INTEREST

Temporary Loans	\$ 968.40	
General Loans	2,449.42	
	<hr/>	3,417.82

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Maturing Debt ^a	\$ 7,900.00	
Temporary Loans	60,000.00	
	<hr/>	67,900.00

AGENCY

State Tax	\$6,360.00	
Highway Tax	477.40	
Municipal Audit	478.00	
County Tax	11,507.74	
	<hr/>	18,823.14

TRUST

Trust Funds:

Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$300.00
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REFUNDS

Public Welfare Department	\$77.00	
Highway Department—Snow Removal	4.00	
Fire Department	4.00	
Weights and Measures Department	3.20	
Park Department	70.93	
	<hr/>	159.13
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		239,832.95
*In Departmental Accounts		469.21
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Total Payments		239,363.74
Cash Balance, December 31, 1927		20,819.69
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Grand Total		\$259,683.43

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1927

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In Bank and Office	\$20,319.69	
Library, Petty Cash	15.00	
	<hr/>	20,334.69

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes—1926	\$ 188.97	
Taxes—1927	16,249.87	
	<hr/>	16,438.84

Departmental:

Health	\$263.38	
Public Welfare	858.00	
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Tax Titles Held by Town	2,247.73
Overlay Deficit—1925	10.20
Overlay Deficit—1927	1,317.75

Overdrawn Accounts: (to be appropriated)

Treasurer	\$13.22	
Expenses, Fire	44.67	
New Fire Boxes	17.95	
Collection of Offal	109.14	
Surface Water—Shawmut and Vineyard Avenues	7.32	
Teachers—Salaries and Expenses, Schools	510.71	
Tennis Courts	15.10	
Interest	417.82	
	<hr/>	1,125.93
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		\$42,606.52

LIABILITIES

Sale of Building—Waterfront Property	\$375.00
Premium on Bonds	22.80

Unexpended Balances:

Repairs and Painting, Town Buildings	\$601.68
County Road Construction	856.63
Rebuilding New York and Lake Avenues	92.55
Dredging Lake Anthony	5,000.00
Committee on Additional Facilities— Schools	1,000.00
Cement Wall and Improvements— Waterfront	.02
Taking Two Lots—North Bluffs	971.62
Land Taking between Bath House and Steamboat Wharf	9,228.95

Plans of Town	224.30	
World War Memorial	700.00	
	<u> </u>	18,675.75
Library Petty Cash		15.00
Revenue, Reserved until Collected:		
Tax Titles	\$2,247.73	
Departmental	1,121.38	
	<u> </u>	3,369.11
Overlay, Reserved for Abatement:		
Levy—1926		365.28
Surplus Revenue		19,783.58
		<u> </u>
		\$42,606.52

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Fund, or Fixed Debt	\$61,300.00	
	<u> </u>	
		\$61,300.00
Sea View Avenue Loan	\$ 4,400.00	
Bulkhead on Waterfront Loan	15,200.00	
New York Avenue Loan	15,200.00	
Cement Wall and Improvements Loan	26,500.00	
	<u> </u>	
		\$61,300.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$22,375.99
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	\$22,375.99
Anna K. Barbey, Public Welfare Fund	\$5,430.15
Rebecca Clark, Public Welfare Fund	1,275.61
Ichabod Norton, Public Welfare Fund	947.17
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	7,652.93
Anna K. Barbey, School Fund	11,108.13
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	3,614.93
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	\$22,375.99

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Balances Jan. 1, '27	Appro- priation	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, '27	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, '27	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '27
General Government:								
Moderator	---	15.00	---	---	---	15.00	---	---
Selectmen	---	915.45	---	25.40	15.45	874.40	*51.00	---
Accountant	---	1,750.00	---	---	---	1,734.56	*15.44	---
Treasurer	---	500.00	†58.06	---	---	571.28	---	13.22
Collector	---	1,025.00	---	---	---	1,015.71	*9.29	---
Assessors	---	850.00	---	---	---	782.62	*67.38	---
Town Counsel	---	100.00	---	---	---	85.00	*15.00	---
Town Clerk	---	600.00	---	---	---	570.27	*29.73	---
Election and Registration	---	376.01	---	---	26.01	237.00	*113.00	---
Town Hall Repairs	145.08	---	---	---	---	83.55	*61.53	---
Rent of Columbus Hall	---	300.00	---	---	---	300.00	---	---
Repairs and Painting, Town Buildings	---	2,000.00	---	---	---	1,398.32	601.68	---
Protection of Persons and Property:								
Police Department	---	4,415.00	---	---	---	4,057.06	*357.94	---
Fire Department, Salaries	---	900.00	---	---	---	858.33	*41.67	---
Fire Department, Expenses	---	1,280.00	---	---	---	1,324.67	---	44.57
Fire Department, Hydrant Rentals	---	2,780.00	---	---	---	2,731.17	*48.83	---
Fire Department, Battery and Jars	---	400.00	---	---	---	391.14	*8.86	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '27	Appro- priation	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, '27	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, '27	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '27
Fire Department, New Boxes	---	225.00	---	---	---	242.95	---	17.95
Fire Department, Repairs to Battery Room	---	135.00	---	---	---	132.90	*2.10	---
Fire Department, New Hose	---	1,000.00	---	---	---	1,000.00	---	---
Fire Department, New Air Compressor	---	900.00	---	---	---	854.98	*45.02	---
Fire Department, New Pumper	---	7,500.00	---	---	---	7,500.00	---	---
Sealer of Weights and Measures	---	200.00	---	---	---	186.27	*13.73	---
Tree Warden, Services	---	100.00	---	---	---	100.00	---	---
Suppression of Moths	---	500.00	---	---	---	400.58	*99.42	---
Health and Sanitation:								
Board of Health, Salaries	---	225.00	---	---	---	225.00	---	---
Board of Health, Expenses	---	1,400.00	---	---	---	1,190.04	*209.96	---
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary	---	75.00	---	---	---	75.00	---	---
Inspector of Animals, Salary	---	50.00	---	---	---	50.00	---	---
Collection of Offal	---	2,517.46	---	---	17.46	2,609.14	---	109.14
Care of Dumps	---	600.00	---	---	---	593.00	*7.00	---
Public Sanitaries	---	1,000.00	---	---	---	684.94	*315.06	---
Cleaning Catch Basins	---	250.00	---	---	---	158.29	*91.71	---
Street Cleaning	---	925.95	---	---	25.95	798.30	*101.70	---
Survey of Land for Dump	---	---	†261.15	---	---	261.15	---	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '27	Appro- priation	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, '27	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, '27	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '27
Highways:								
Repairs—Concrete Roads	---	5,200.00	---	---	---	5,165.19	*34.81	---
Repairs—Dirt Roads	---	1,540.80	---	---	40.80	1,489.86	*10.14	---
Maple Avenue Improvement	---	250.00	---	---	---	186.50	*63.50	---
Improvement of Lane between Metell's and Heatley's	---	100.00	---	---	---	65.00	*35.00	---
Resurfacing Dukes County Avenue	---	2,500.00	---	---	---	2,418.91	*81.09	---
Surface Water, Shawmut and Vineyard Aves.	500.00	---	---	---	---	507.32	---	7.32
Iron Pipe Fence and Seats	270.13	---	---	---	---	---	*270.13	---
County Road Construction	10,000.00	1,850.00	---	---	---	10,993.37	856.63	---
Rebuilding New York and Lake Avenues	1,090.29	---	---	---	---	997.74	92.55	---
Bulkheads and Bridges	---	500.00	---	---	---	385.41	*114.59	---
Removal of Snow	---	1,000.00	---	---	---	425.75	*574.25	---
Dredging Lake Anthony	---	5,000.00	---	---	---	---	5,000.00	---
Street Lighting	---	11,000.00	---	---	---	10,330.44	*669.56	---
Harbor Master	---	150.00	---	---	---	150.00	---	---
Public Welfare:								
Public Welfare Department	---	11,101.84	---	---	1,101.84	9,423.74	*576.26	---
Income, Poor Fund	---	---	---	321.03	---	321.03	---	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '27	Appro- priation	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, '27	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, '27	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '27
Soldiers' Benefits:								
State Aid -----	-----	200.00	-----	-----	-----	410.00	*90.00	-----
Soldiers' Relief -----	-----	48.00	+150.00	-----	-----	130.00	*68.00	-----
Education:								
Schools—Salary of Committee -----	-----	250.00	-----	-----	-----	250.00	-----	-----
Salary of Superintendent -----	-----	825.00	-----	-----	-----	825.00	-----	-----
Salary of Physician -----	-----	100.00	-----	-----	-----	100.00	-----	-----
Salary of Nurse -----	-----	650.00	-----	-----	-----	650.00	-----	-----
Teachers—Salaries and Expenses -----	-----	22,550.00	-----	-----	-----	23,060.71	-----	510.71
Committee on Additional Facilities -----	-----	1,000.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,000.00	-----
Fire Escape -----	2,984.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	*2,984.00	-----
Smith-Hughes Fund -----	-----	-----	-----	67.93	-----	67.93	-----	-----
Library—Salaries and Expenses -----	-----	1,200.00	-----	137.31	-----	1,273.90	*63.41	-----
Unpaid Bills of 1926 -----	-----	88.43	-----	-----	-----	88.43	-----	-----
Recreation:								
Public Parks -----	-----	5,000.00	-----	-----	-----	4,999.53	*.47	-----
Tennis Courts—Maintenance -----	-----	570.00	-----	-----	-----	585.10	-----	15.10

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '27	Appro- priation	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, '27	Expend- itures	Balances Dec. 31, '27	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '27
Petaluma Park—Baseball Diamond	---	3,000.00	---	---	---	2,992.63	*7.37	---
Cement Wall and Improvements on Waterfront	---	27,500.00	---	---	---	27,499.98	.02	---
Taking Two Lots—North Bluffs	960.96	---	---	10.66	---	---	971.62	---
Land Taking between Bath House and Steamboat Wharf	11,791.74	---	---	---	---	2,562.79	9,228.95	---
Amusements	---	2,500.00	---	---	---	2,500.00	---	---
Unclassified:								
Title Investigation	250.00	---	---	---	---	---	*250.00	---
Plans of Town	496.80	---	---	---	---	272.50	224.30	---
Town Reports	---	275.00	---	---	---	262.50	*12.50	---
Memorial Day	---	50.00	---	---	---	50.00	---	---
Advertising	---	500.00	---	---	---	250.00	*250.00	---
Town Storehouse	---	2,500.00	---	---	---	2,002.04	*497.96	---
Planning Board—Expenses	---	100.00	---	---	---	10.00	*90.00	---
Reserve Fund	---	1,000.00	---	---	---	469.21	*530.79	---
World War Memorial	700.00	---	---	---	---	---	700.00	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '27	Appropriation	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, '27	Expenditures	Balances Dec. 31, '27	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '27
Cemeteries:								
Care of Cemetery—Salaries and Expenses --	-----	1,286.84	-----	-----	11.84	1,189.09	*85.91	-----
Income—Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds --	-----	-----	-----	78.64	-----	78.64	-----	-----
Interest:								
Interest -----	-----	3,000.00	-----	-----	-----	3,417.82	-----	417.82
Municipal Indebtedness:								
Maturing Debt -----	-----	7,900.00	-----	-----	-----	7,900.00	-----	-----
Temporary Loans -----	-----	-----	-----	60,000.00	-----	60,000.00	-----	-----
Agency:								
State Tax -----	-----	6,360.00	-----	-----	-----	6,360.00	-----	-----
Highway Tax -----	-----	477.40	-----	-----	-----	477.40	-----	-----
Auditing Municipal Accounts -----	-----	478.00	-----	-----	-----	478.00	-----	-----
County Tax -----	-----	11,507.74	-----	-----	-----	11,507.74	-----	-----

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '27	Appropriation	Transfers	Receipts	Overdrafts Jan. 1, '27	Expenditures	Balances Dec. 31, '27	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '27
Trust:								
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds -----	•	-----	-----	300.00	-----	300.00	-----	-----
Refunds:								
Public Welfare Department -----	-----	-----	-----	77.00	-----	77.00	-----	-----
Highways, Snow Removal -----	-----	-----	-----	4.00	-----	4.00	-----	-----
Fire -----	-----	-----	-----	4.00	-----	4.00	-----	-----
Sealer of Weights and Measures -----	-----	-----	-----	3.20	-----	3.20	-----	-----
Public Parks -----	-----	-----	-----	70.93	-----	70.93	-----	-----
Total -----	\$29,189.00	\$176,918.92	\$469.21	\$61,100.10	\$1,239.35	\$239,832.95	\$27,740.86	\$1,135.93

* Closed out to Revenue.

† From Reserve Fund.

Town Clerk's Report.

RETURNS OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1927

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS
January 10	Janet Sylvia	F	Joseph D. and Margaret M.
" 10	Richard Elmer West	M	Richard A. and Ann
" 11	Catherine Alma Crowe	F	Michael J. and Frances
" 18	Helen Roberta Greenall	F	Walter G. and Ella S.
" 23	Raymond Joseph DeBettencourt	M	Alfred F. and Mary C.
February 12	Mary Aurelia Martin	F	Antone N. and Libbie
" 15	Robert St. Clair Glover	M	Thomas C. and Sadie A.
" 20	Frank Estrella	M	Manuel and Mary
" 22	Dixon Borland Renear	M	Leland W. and Mary B.
" 23	George Philip Baptist	M	George P. and Mary E.
March 2	Albert Augustus Amaral	M	William R. and Nellie R.
" 3	Helen Furber	F	George S. and Berta
" 12	Arthur Ernest Landers	M	Ernest J. and Bessie
" 17	Everett Tarvers Ferera	M	Viriate T. and Annie E.
" 22	— Tilton	M	Percy and Rachel
" 24	Robert Francis Packish	M	George F. and Annie E.
" 26	Richard Combra	M	Domingo P. and Mary E.
" 31		M	
April 1		M	
" 4	— Aranjó	F	Julio and Mary
" 15	Beverly Mae Campbell	F	Manuel and Gabriella
" 19	Mary Isobel Bernard	F	William and Joanne
" 22	Barbara Ann DeBettencourt	F	Percy and Helen
May 3	Lois Devine Powell	F	Howard C. and Laura
" 3	Ethel Violet Amaral	F	Amos J. and Victoria O.
" 17	George N. Schoffstall	M	William F. and Irene
June 2	Stuart Smith	M	Edward H. and Isabel
" 3	— Leonard	F	Joseph G. and Christine
" 4	Thomas Bettencourt	M	Antone A. and Dorothy A.
" 16	Hollis Carey Andrews	M	William H. and Edna
" 20	George Richard Silvia	M	Antone M. and Mary
" 21	Donald Wilbur Pease	M	William B. and Gladys
"	Dorothy Louise Pease	F	
" 30	Elizabeth June Johnson	F	Clayton and Evelyn
July 16	Francis Edward Rogers	M	Eugene F. and Lila M.
" 20	Joseph Costa	M	Joseph and Celia E.
" 20	Lawrence Joseph Fauteux	M	James G. and June M.
" 21	David Merrill Ritter	M	Henry and Evangeline
" 21	Robert H. Carlson	M	Carl O. and Edith

BIRTHS—Continued

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	PARENTS
Aug.	1 Charity Randolph	F	John H. Jr. and Mildred L. H.
"	5 Richard Campbell	M	Frederick P. and Dora A.
"	5 ——— Swift	M	Dean and Katheryn
"	10 Jacqueline Joyce Smith	F	Leroy and Leah J.
"	14 John Anthony DeBettencourt, Jr.	M	John A. and Marion J.
"	28 Francis Chetwood Vincent	M	Francis C. and Ethel
Sept.	1 Patricia Allen	F	William H. and Agnes M.
"	6 Edward Augustus Lewis	M	Edward A. and Helen M.
"	10 John R. Metell	M	Fred and Mary J.
"	13 ———	M	
"	22 Frank Correia	M	John F. and Augustina
"	25 Barbara Dorothy Sweatman	F	Wilbur and Clotilde
October	1 ——— Hazard	M	Charles S. and Ruth E.
"	3 William Lamont Brothers	M	Charles L. T. and Mary
"	4 Ruth Ann Dean	F	Seth B. and Ethel M.
"	24 George Russell Luce	M	Charles R. and Bertha
Nov.	2 Robert Benjamin Stanley	M	Benjamin and Edith
"	4 Henry Otis Burt	M	Erford and Alice
"	12 Henry Francis Duart	M	Joseph F. and Frances C.
"	18 Lorna Tilton	F	Donald E. and Alice M.
"	19 Martha Fay Brennan	F	Chester and Catherine F.
December	4 Carmon Rodericks	M	Manuel and Gloria
"	11 ——— Allen	F	Albert and Nora
"	14 Ruth Hancock	F	Hariph and Marion
"	26 Muriel Andrews	F	Joseph and Evelyn H.

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
January	6 Hiram Durant Jackson	21	Edgartown, Mass.
	Isabelle May Bettencourt	18	Edgartown, Mass.
February	16 Robert Salvadore	29	Edgartown, Mass.
	Emma Marshall Pachico	18	Tisbury, Mass.
April	18 Joseph F. Santos	29	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Caroline F. Burgess	22	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
"	18 Peter Francis Monahan	44	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Mary E. Martin	33	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
May	5 John Dodd	25	Brooklyn, New York
	Clara Thorne	27	Tisbury, Mass.
"	7 Joseph E. Amaral	27	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Marjorie M. Ripley	30	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
June	6 John DeSouza Luiz	21	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Hilda Agnes Phillips	19	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
"	16 Harry Stanwood Twite	17	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Valborg Lina Hoglund	15	Edgartown, Mass.
July	9 James Gordon Ogden, Jr.	26	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Dorothy Francis Phillips	24	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
August	13 Arthur Philius Collet	22	New Bedford, Massachusetts
	Catherine Mae Luce	20	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
"	24 Joseph Andrews	21	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Evelyn Helen DeLoach	16	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
"	27 William Battison Worthley	57	Brooklyn, New York
	Dora Lillian Barrett	54	Brooklyn, New York
September	17 Franklin K. Haven	25	Winchester, Massachusetts
	Elizabeth G. Carpenter	26	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
October	3 Marshall John McDonough	30	Tisbury, Mass.
	Florence Kathleen McGrath	25	Tisbury, Mass.
"	7 Charles L. T. Brothers	27	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Mary E. Young	21	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
December	20 Antone Barboza	34	Edgartown, Mass.
	Elizabeth A. (Gonsalves) Veira	22	Oak Bluffs, Mass.

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D	
March	13 William H. H. Fisher	48	7	13	Pyonephrosis (Chronic Cystitis)
"	14 Lindsey Wormley	95			Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	18 Osgood Norton Mayhew	49	2	8	Lobar Pneumonia
"	20 Mary Medeiros	36	11	3	Burns of Body (Accidental)
"	23 Henry Harrison Rice	86	15		Arterio Sclerosis
"	27 James P. Waldron	84	2		Arterio Sclerosis
April	4 ——— Aranjó		16		Premature
"	10 Charles E. Barrows	38	12		Pulmonary Tuberculosis
June	5 Miquelina J. Florio	58	3	21	Diabetes Mellitus
"	18 Anna G. Pachico	94			Arterio Sclerosis
"	22 Elizabeth Fernandez	18	7	2	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	26 Adelaide Priscilla Coles Hand	59	9	24	Chronic Endocarditis
"	27 Fred Nutter	75			Chronic Interstitial Nephritis
July	11 Sara L. MacKnight	72			Disease of Heart. Myocarditis
Aug.	1 Silas Thomas	57	6	25	Lobar Pneumonia
"	5 Arthur H. Whitney	66			Heart Disease (Coronary Sclerosis)
"	5 Augustus W. Kingsley	86	10	3	Chronic Endocarditis
"	21 Annie Freeman Wright	72	4	4	Chronic Myocarditis
"	28 Henry W. Watkins	73	1	10	Arterio Sclerosis
"	31 Francis Peter Harrington	5	3	18	Septicemia
Sept.	13 Mary Agnes Sheehan	21		25	Pulmonary Tuberculosis (Hemorrhage)
"	16 Katherine A. Temple	82	6	28	Duodenal Carcinoma
"	30 Arthur Pimental			22	Marasmus
Oct.	2 Patricia Allen		1	1	Marasmus
"	5 Helen Margaret Brown	14	9	14	Anterior Poliomyetitis
"	20 Richard Combra		6	25	Acute Anterio Poliomyetitis
Nov.	11 Edy C. Luce	74	11	5	Arterio Scierosis
"	14 Fannie A. Look	64	7	12	Carcinoma of Pancreas

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

The following are the statistics of the Births, Marriages and Deaths recorded during the year 1927.

Births:

Males	40
Females	20
Total Number	64

Marriages:

Total Number	16
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Deaths:

Residents	17
Non-Residents	11
Total Number	28

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT FOR 1927

87 Males at \$ 2.00	\$ 174.00	
24 Females at \$ 5.00	120.00	
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Total		\$294.00
fees, 111 dogs at 20 cents	\$ 22.20	
Paid to County Treasurer	271.80	
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Total		\$ 294.00
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JOHN MILLER,

Town Clerk.

Report of Library Trustees

The trustees wish to report a very successful year with a greatly increased circulation which will be found in detail in the Librarian's Report.

It was asked to transfer to the Library Account the Dog Tax money as allowed by law which helped us to purchase new books.

The trustees wish to thank our efficient Librarian for her fine work and co-operation through the year, also the good friends who helped by donations of books and magazines.

The Librarian's Report will explain more fully how well our Library is patronized.

WALTER C. RIPLEY,
ELIZABETH RICE,
H. A. EDDY,

Library Trustees.

Report of the Public Librarian

To the Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:

The following report may be of interest to our tax payers and all who co-operate with us as patrons of our Public Library.

The statistics are for one year,, from January 1st, 1927 to December 31st, inclusive.

Not including output from 2 cents per day table, which has been large, nor an account of books which your honorable body and the librarian have read, the circulation has been:

Adult—Fiction	6196
Adult—Non-fiction	803
Juvenile—Fictin	2775
Juvenile—Non-fiction	245
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Total circulation	10,019
Magazines circulated	1070

Borrowed

Boston Public Library	1
New Bedford Public Library	8
Books entirely in Portuguese language	17
Loaned by a patron to increase revenue	17

Gifts

Books	129
Magazines (regularly)	6
Many odd magazines of which no record is kept.	
Hall-Tree	Mr. W. C. Ripley.

Names of Donors of Books

Mrs. George McCormack.
 Miss Warner
 Miss Ashman
 Mrs. Ashmun
 Mrs. Ezra G. Perry
 Prof. P. C. Miller
 Mr. Frank Baird
 Miss Clarie McBride
 Master Wallace Estey
 Mr. O. N. Mayhew
 Miss Alice House
 Miss Emma Barney
 Mr. Richard Hayden
 Mrs. Murphy
 Mrs. Alice G. Stratton
 Mrs. Miner
 Miss Louise Wright
 Miss Natalie Smith
 Mrs. Carrie Sherwood
 Miss McBeth

Miss Gilkes
 Dr. H. T. Dean
 Helen Mackay
 Triad Club
 Mrs. Christopher Look
 Miss Caldwell
 Mr. Charles R. Sullivan
 Mrs. E. B. Hanes

Regular Magazine Donors

Mrs. E. G. Eldridge
 Dr. H. T. Dean
 Prof. P. C. Miller
 Local W. C. T. U.
 Henry Ford
 M. A. Mayhew

Food Sale

Mrs. D. J. McBride, in charge

Items in the Vineyard Gazette

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At the close of the year our magazines are given to the Seaman's Bethel—Vineyard Haven. The public school students find the Library of great assistance in their work.

The Librarian appreciates the splendid co-operation of the trustees and the many courtesies extended to her by the patrons and thanks all who have contributed in any way toward the year's progress and success.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel A. Mayhew,
 Librarian.

Report of Finance Committee

Report and Recommendations of Finance Committee for
the year 1928

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$ 15.00
Selectmen, salaries	\$ 600.00	
Expenses	300.00	
	<hr/>	900.00
Treasurer, salary	\$ 400.00	
Expenses	150.00	
	<hr/>	550.00
Collector of Taxes, Salary	\$ 750.00	
Expenses	365.00	
	<hr/>	1,115.00
Assessors, salaries	\$ 600.00	
Expenses	250.00	
	<hr/>	850.00
Accountant, salary	\$1,700.00	
Expenses	50.00	
	<hr/>	1,750.00

Town Counsel, salary	75.00	
Expenses	25.00	
	<hr/>	100.00
Town Clerk, salary	\$300.00	
Expenses	300.00	
	<hr/>	600.00
Board of Registrars, salaries	\$ 100.00	
Expenses	250.00	
	<hr/>	350.00
Rent of Hall for Town Meetings		300.00
Heating System (to be applied to 1927 balance of repairs and painting town buildings)		600.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Chief of Police, salary	\$ 1,500.00	
Night Watch, salary	1,460.00	
Patrolmen, salaries	1,200.00	
Expenses	255.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,415.00

Fire Department:

Board of Engineers, salaries	\$ 50.00
Chief of Engineers, salary	50.00
Firemen, salaries	800.00
Supt. of Fire Alarm and Care of Batteries	200.00

Contingent expenses	1,350.67	
Hydrant rental	2,780.00	
Rebuilding old and building new lines	450.00	
New hose (2,000 feet of D. J. Standard)	1,500.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 7,180.67

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sealer, salary	\$ 100.00	
Expenses	50.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 150.00

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Suppression of Moths	500.00	
Tree Warden, salary	100.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 600.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, salaries	\$ 75.00	
Agent of Health, salary	150.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 225.00
Collection of swill, garbage and rubbish	2,700.00	
Care of dumps	600.00	
Public sanitation	1,000.00	
Street cleaning	900.00	
Cleaning catch basins	250.00	
Inspector of slaughtering, salary	75.00	
Inspector of animals, salary	50.00	

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Repairs to concrete roads		\$ 3,000.00
Repairs to dirt roads (including Winemack St.)		1,500.00
Parking space on Ocean Avenue		1,000.00
Dukes County Avenue		1,000.00
Repairs to School Street		500.00
Building catch basins and drains		1,000.00
Bulkheads and bridges		500.00
Removal of snow		500.00
Street lighting		11,000.00
Harbor master, salary	\$ 100.00	
Expenses	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 150.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Dependent Persons	\$ 10,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	48.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

School Department:

School Committee, salaries	\$ 150.00	
School Committee Secretary, salary	100.00	
School Superintendent, salary	875.00	
School Physician, salary	100.00	
School Nurse, salary	650.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,875.00

Teachers' salaries and expenses	\$ 24,550.00
Temporary school building of 2 rooms, all equipped	5,000.00
Public Library	1,200.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Park Department:

Public Parks	\$ 5,250.00
Maintenance of tennis courts	1,000.00
Railing fence on waterfront	400.00
Seats on waterfront	250.00
Pair of swans, Sunset Lake	250.00
	<hr/> \$ 7,150.00

Unclassified:

Town Reports	\$ 275.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Advertising	500.00
Amusements	2,500.00
Planning Board, expenses	100.00
Plans of Town	500.00
Reserve Fund	1,000.00
Overlay, 1925	10.20
Overlay, 1927	1,317.75
Overdrafts of Appropriations, 1927	1,135.93

CEMETERIES

Chairman Cemetery Board, salary	\$ 75.00	
Care of Cemetery	1,200.00	
Concreting Walks	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,525.00

INTEREST AND TOWN DEBT

Interest	\$ 3,700.00	
Maturing debt	\$ 10,550.00	
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Total		\$ 118,412.55

The Finance Committee also recommend:

That collection of offal, street cleaning and cleaning catch basins be placed under the supervision of Superintendent of Streets.

That one pair of mated swans be purchased and placed in Sunset Lake.

CARROLL J. DARLING,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dukes County, ss.

To either of the Constables in the town of Oak Bluffs,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Columbus Club, Wamsutta Avenue, in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of February, A. D. 1928, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following named articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named officers:

A Town Clerk for one year.

A Selectman and Member of Department of Public Welfare, for three years.

A Treasurer for one year.

A Collector of Taxes for one year.

A Member of the School Committee, for three years.

A Park Commissioner for three years.

A Member of the Cemetery Committee for three years.

A Member of the Planning Board for five years.

A Chief of Police for one year.

A Night Watchman for one year.

Two Constables for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

And to vote upon the following questions:

“Shall the town vote to have its Selectmen appoint a Chief of Police”.

“Shall the town vote to have its Selectmen appoint a Night Watch”.

The polls for the reception of votes on the aforesaid officers and questions will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, February 15th, 1928, and will close at

two o'clock in the afternoon, unless a later hour be determined at said meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear reports of the Selectmen and other Boards and Committees.

Article 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and appropriations for the ensuing year, and to make appropriations of the same, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the assessors to remit all taxes as can not in their judgment be collected.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the Collector to use all means of collecting the taxes that a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

Article 9. To see if the town will pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money

on or after January 1, 1929, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1929, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1929.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on South Circuit Avenue, near the residence of William Bridge.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Atlantic Avenue, near the F. H. Daniels Cottage.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to place two hydrants on Winemack Street, between New York and Greene Avenues, and authorize the Selectmen to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to provide and install said hydrants under the term provided in the contract with the Water Company, whereby the town shall rent and pay for the use of each hydrant the sum of \$35.00 per annum.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to issue licenses, with the approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, for entertainments to be held on the Lord's Day, pursuant to Chapter 326, Acts of 1926.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to accept that portion of Meadow Avenue lying between Park and Winemack Streets, as laid out by the Selectmen.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to purchase one Hook and Ladder & Pumper Combination Truck for the Fire Department, and raise and appropriate the amount of money for said purchase.

Article 17. To see what action the town will vote to take, if any, in the matter of protection of the highway and embankment along the East Chop shorefront, from the Highland Wharf to the East Chop Light.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the purpose of seeding and rolling the baseball grounds and for painting the baseball bleachers at Petaluma Park.

Article 19. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of improving Sunset Lake, by dredging and cutting an opening between the lake and Lake Anthony, ten feet wide with a bridge across the opening.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to instruct the assessors to use free cash in the treasury, when determining the tax rate for the current year.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be posted in three public places in the town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place specified.

Given under our hands this First day of February A. D. 1928.

NORMAN L. PRATT,
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,
MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT,

Selectmen of Oak Bluffs.

Pursuant to the above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in this warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

Attest:

HARRY T. WEBB,

Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass.

February 2, 1928.

Report of Special School House Building Commissioners

The Committee appointed at the last Annual Town Meeting submit the following report:

After careful investigation and consideration of the need of additional school room, we recommend the erection of a temporary or portable school building of two rooms which no doubt will be ample for our needs for some years or till such a time that the town may care to erect a new building.

We recommend the raising and appropriating the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for erection and furnishing of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

PETER J. TAEGER

C. J. DARLING

C. P. HAYDEN

REUBEN PHILLIPS

H. T. DEAN

Report of Selectmen

Office of the Selectmen,

February 1, 1928.

The Board of Selectmen respectfully present the report of Theodore N. Waddell, Director of Accounts, as the report of their department and of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

NORMAN L. PRATT,

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,

MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT,

Selectmen.

Auditor's Report

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, January 28, 1928.

To the Board of Selectmen,

Mr. Norman L. Pratt, Chairman,
Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1927, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1927, the following report being submitted thereon:

The financial transactions of the town as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving money for the town, or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked for the period covered by the audit.

The treasurer's cash book was added and checked with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The disbursements were checked with the warrants authorizing them.

In reconciling the cash book balance December 31, 1927, with the cash in the office and with a statement furnished by the bank a discrepancy amounting to \$249.38 was found. Since the cash discrepancy appears to be increasing annually, some decisive change should be made by the treasurer in his method of handling town funds.

In spite of previous recommendations the discrepancy of prior years has not been settled, nor has the treasurer at-

tempted to prove his cash monthly. As in previous audits, considerable time was taken in sorting and checking the bank checks for the year. A check for \$94.30 belonging to another town had been charged to the account of Oak Bluffs by the bank, but had not been noted by the treasurer through his neglect to reconcile his bank balances.

The receipts were analyzed and checked, errors in reporting receipts being found. The payments to the treasurer by the tax collector in July did not appear on the treasurer's cash book until November, and a payment of \$40.75, per receipt, to the treasurer by the care-taker of the tennis court, does not appear on the cash book. Errors in recording the payments of warrants were also found.

Appended to this report is a table showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash.

The savings bank books, representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer, were examined and found to be as shown by the treasurer's accounts.

Tables showing the condition of the several funds are appended to this report.

The accountant's ledger was added and the items thereon were checked with the warrants issued by the Selectmen and with the receipts as recorded on the treasurer's books. The ledger was analyzed and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1927.

The appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town. Overdrafts were found amounting to \$1,135.93, and it is apparent that no attention is given to the statutes pertaining to the incurring of liabilities in excess of appropriations.

Attention is again called to Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, and also to Section 62, Chapter 44, General Laws, as amended by Chapter 248, Acts of 1926, which read as follows:

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two thirds of the Selectmen.

Any city, town or district officer who knowingly violates, or authorizes or directs any official or employee to violate, any provision of this chapter, or any other provision of general law relating to the incurring of liability or expenditure of public funds on account of any city, town or district, or any provision of special law relating to the incurring of liability or expenditure of public funds as aforesaid, shall, except as otherwise provided, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both; and the Mayor, Selectmen, Prudential Committee, or Commissioners, shall, and five Taxpayers may, report such violation to the district attorney who shall investigate and prosecute the same.

In checking vouchers and pay-rolls it was found that members of the park commission were paid for services, contrary to Section 2, Chapter 45, General Laws, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 209, Acts of 1924, which reads as follows:

Chapter 45 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following: Section 2. A town may elect a board of park commissioners, consisting of three persons, and prescribe their terms of office, or the members of a town planning board may if so authorized by vote of the town act as park commissioners therein. In a town which has not elected a board of park commissioners or has not authorized the town planning board to act, the Selectmen shall act as such board of park commissioners. The mayor of a city may, with the approval of the city council, appoint a board of park commissioners for said city, consisting of five persons, who shall hold office for terms of one, two, three, four and five years respectively from the first Monday in May next following such appointment, or until their successors are qualified; and thereafter the mayor shall annually, before the first Monday in May, with like approval appoint one such commissioner for a term of five years from said first Monday in May. No member of the city council, clerk or treasurer of such city or town shall be such commissioner. In cities a vacancy in such board shall be filled in like manner for the residue of the unexpired term. A commissioner may be removed by a vote of two thirds of the voters of a town, or by a vote of two thirds of all the members of a city council. Such commissioners shall serve without compensation.

The accounts of the collector of taxes for the levies of 1925, 1926 and 1927, were examined and checked in detail. The commitment books were footed and reconciled with the warrants, the cash books were added, the recorded collections were checked with the items as entered on the commitment books, the payments to the treasurer were checked with the amounts shown by the treasurer's books, and the abatements were checked to the assessors' records of abatements granted. The outstanding tax accounts were listed and proved, being further verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. From the replies received, it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

Appended to this report are tables showing the summaries of the tax accounts.

The town clerk's records of licenses issued for dogs and hunting and fishing were examined, and the payments to the State and county treasurers, respectively, were checked to the receipts on file.

The accounts of the sealer of weights and measures were examined and checked, the receipts being compared with the payments to the treasurer.

The records of the librarian relative to receipts from fines, circulating fees, etc., were examined, and the payments to the treasurer were compared with the entries on the treasurer's books. It was noted that an item of 98c paid from library receipts of 1926 has not been transferred from the

petty cash account, and also that an overpayment by the librarian to the treasurer has not been adjusted. In checking the petty cash account it was found that expenditures amounting to \$10.36 for the year had been made, but no vouchers have been presented to the accountant so that the charges may be made properly against the library appropriation and the petty cash fund reimbursed.

It was impossible to check and verify the receipts of the cemetery department on account of insufficient records. A bequest made in November, 1927, for perpetual care had not been paid to the treasurer; and in verifying the cash on hand it was found that the receipts for sale of graves and perpetual care funds were deposited in the cemetery commissioner's personal bank account. It is recommended that these receipts be paid to the treasurer monthly.

The surety bonds given by the treasurer, the tax collector, and the town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

For the co-operation received from the several town officials while engaged in the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,
Chief Accountant.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1927	\$ 31,467.36	
Receipts	228,591.07	
	<u>228,591.07</u>	\$260,058.43
Payments	\$ 239,738.74	
Balance December 31, 1927	20,319.69	
	<u>20,319.69</u>	\$260,058.43
Balance per cash book		
December 31, 1927	\$ 20,319.69	
Departmental receipt		
not previously recorded,	40.75	
Outstanding checks per list	4,487.40	
	<u>4,487.40</u>	\$ 24,847.84
Cash on hand January 4, 1928, verified	\$ 19.08	
Balance per statement Martha's Vineyard		
National Bank, December 31, 1927	24,110.08	
Balance per book No. 1688, Savings Department		
Martha's Vineyard National Bank	375.00	
Check—Town of Gay Head charged to		
Town of Oak Bluffs	94.30	
Cash discrepancy	249.38	
	<u>249.38</u>	\$ 24,847.84

TAXES—1921 And 1922

E. H. Mathews, Collector

Taxes 1921:

Outstanding January 1, 1927	\$ 79.35	
Taxes 1922	231.98	
	<u>231.98</u>	\$ 311.33

Credit by appropriation

\$ 311.33

 TAXES—1925

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Outstanding January 1, 1927	\$ 21.20	
Abatement after payment (to be refunded)	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 33.20
Payments to treasurer	\$ 11.00	
Abatement	10.20	
Due from collector	12.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 33.20

 TAXES—1926

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Outstanding January 1, 1927	\$ 13,267.82	
Overpayment to be refunded	.50	
Duplicate abatement, adjustment	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,271.32
Payments to treasurer	\$ 12,374.30	
Abatements	358.05	
Tax titles sold to town	349.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1927	105.75	
Due from collector December 31, 1927	83.72	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,271.32

Due from collector January 1, 1928	\$ 83.72	
Outstanding January 1, 1928	105.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 189.47

Outstanding January 4, 1928, per list	\$ 105.75	
Due from collector January 4, 1928	83.72	
	<hr/>	\$ 189.47

INTEREST

Collections	\$ 372.15
Payments to treasurer	\$ 372.15

TAXES—1927

E. R. Frasier, Collector

Commitments, per warrant	\$ 127,275.41
Commitments in excess of warrant, adjusted	.04
Abatement after payment, to be refunded	29.70
Overpayment, not refunded	.22
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	\$127,305.37

Payments to treasurer	\$ 109,393.78
Abatements	1,631.80
Outstanding December 31, 1927	16,279.79
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	\$127,305.37

Outstanding January 1, 1928	\$16,279.79
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Outstanding January 4, 1928,	
per list	\$14,257.07
Cash on hand January 4, 1928, verified	1,996.32
Due from collector, January 4, 1928	26.40
	<u>\$ 16,279.79</u>

INTEREST—TAXES 1927

Total collections	\$ 34.34
Payments to treasurer 1927	\$ 14.99
Due from collector January 4, 1928	19.35
	<u>\$ 34.34</u>

TAX TITLES

Outstanding January 1, 1927	\$ 2,254.57
Tax sales, levy of 1926	349.50
Costs, etc.	28.47
Adjustment of tax title redeemed, deed not listed	31.28
	<u>\$ 2,663.82</u>
Tax titles redeemed	\$ 416.09
Outstanding December 31, 1927	2,247.73
	<u>\$ 2,663.82</u>

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Due from town clerk January 1, 1927,	\$ 4.00
Licenses and permits issued	
Shellfish	\$ 14.00

Junk	50.00
Gas station and advertising	2.50
Used car dealer	10.00
Auctioneer	4.00
Bowling	16.00
Shooting gallery	5.00
Checking	10.00
Skating rink	25.00
Intelligence office	4.00
Theatre	150.00
Innholders'	46.00
Sunday	90.00
Transient vendor	455.00
Carriage	33.00
Baggage	5.00
Common victualler	24.00
Eel pot	6.00
Dance hall	50.00

\$ 1,003.50

Payments to treasurer	\$999.50
Due from town clerk	
December 31, 1927	4.00
	<hr/> \$ 1,003.50

DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued:

87 males @ \$2.00	\$174.00
24 females @ \$5.00	120.00
	<hr/> \$294.00

Payments to County Treasurer, per receipts on file:

January 3, 1927	\$103.80	
December 7, 1927	168.00	
	<u> </u>	\$271.80

Fees retained by Town Clerk:

111 @ 20c	22.20	
	<u> </u>	\$294.00

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Due Department of Conservation January 1, 1927	\$6.00	
Due Town Clerk, Jan. 1, 1927	.25	
	<u> </u>	\$6.25

Licenses issued:

4 @ \$5.25	\$21.00	
148 @ 2.25	333.00	
2 @ 1.00	2.00	
3 @ .75	2.25	
10 @ .50	5.00	
	<u> </u>	\$363.25

Overpayment to Department of Conservation	10.00	
	<u> </u>	\$379.50

Payments to Department of Conservation per receipts on file	\$327.70
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Fees retained by Town Clerk:

156 @ 25c	\$39.00	
2 @ 15c	.30	
	<hr/>	\$39.30

Due Department of Conservation

December 31, 1927	12.50	
	<hr/>	\$379.50

Due Department of Conservation Jan. 1, 1928 \$12.50

Cash on hand January, 4, 1928, verified \$12.50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Fees for sealing \$40.02

Payments to Treasurer \$39.69

Due from Sealer December 31, 1927	.33	
	<hr/>	\$40.02

Due from Sealer January 1, 1928		\$.33
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Due from Sealer January 4, 1928		\$.33
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LIBRARY

Cash on hand January 1, 1927 \$7.70

Overpayment to Treasurer 1926,
not refunded 1.00

Payment 1926 to be reimbursed from
petty cash fund .98

Receipts from fines, etc.	370.39	
Receipts from food sale	23.00	
	<hr/>	\$403.07
Payments to Treasurer	\$401.09	
Due Librarian	1.00	
Due from petty cash fund	.98	
	<hr/>	\$403.07

PARK DEPARTMENT

Tennis Court Rentals

Rentals		\$402.25
Payments to Treasurer, per receipts on file		\$402.25
Payments to treasurer per receipts		\$402.25
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Payments to Treasurer per cash book	\$361.50	
Payments to Treasurer, not recorded	40.75	
	<hr/>	\$402.25

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Sale of Lot	\$50.00	
Bequest, perpetual care	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$150.00
Cash on hand January 4, 1928, verified		\$150.00

ANNA K. BARBEY POOR FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1927		\$5,430.15	\$5,430.15
On hand at end of year 1927		\$5,430.15	\$5,430.15
	Receipts	Payments	
Income,	\$247.10	Paid to Treasurer for Public Welfare	\$247.10
Total	\$247.10	Total	\$247.10

REBECCA CLARK POOR FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1927		\$1,275.61	\$1,275.61
On hand at end of year 1927		\$1,275.61	\$1,275.61
	Receipts	Payments	
Income,	\$30.84	Paid to Treasurer for Public Welfare	\$30.84
Total	\$30.84	Total	\$30.84

ICHABOD NORTON POOR FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1927		\$947.17	\$947.17
On hand at end of year 1927		\$947.17	\$947.17

	Receipts	Payments	
Income,	\$43.09	Paid to Treasurer for Public Welfare	\$43.09
Total	\$43.09	Total	\$43.09

ANNA K. BARBEY SCHOOL FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1927	\$10,676.81		\$10,676.81
On hand at end of year 1927	\$11,108.13		\$11,108.13

	Receipts	Payments	
Income,	\$431.32	Deposited in Sav- ings Bank	\$431.32
Total	\$431.32	Total	\$431.32

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Cash	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1927	\$100.00	\$3,180.73	\$3,280.73
On hand at end of year 1927		\$3,614.93	\$3,614.93

	Receipts	Payments	
Bequest,	\$300.00	Deposited in Sav-	
		ings Bank	\$434.20
Income,	138.24	Care of Lots	104.04
Cash on hand			
Jan. 1, 1927	100.00		
Total	\$538.24	Total	\$538.24

Balance Sheet

DECEMBER 31, 1927

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In Bank and Office	\$ 20,070.31
Cash Discrepancy	249.38
Library—Petty Cash	15.00
	————— \$ 20,334.69

Accounts Receivable

Taxes:

Levy of 1925	\$ 12.00
Levy of 1926	188.97
Levy of 1927	16,249.87
	————— \$ 16,450.84

Departmental

Health	\$ 263.38	
Public Welfare	858.00	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Aid	110.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,231.38

Tax titles held by town		\$ 2,247.73
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Overlay Deficits

Levy of 1925	\$ 10.20	
Levy of 1927	1,317.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,327.95

Overdrawn Accounts (to be appropriated)

Treasurer	\$ 13.22	
Expenses, Fire	44.67	
New Boxes, Fire	17.95	
Collections of offal	109.14	
Surface Water, Shawmut and Vineyard Ave.	7.32	
Teachers' Salaries and Expenses, Schools	510.71	
Tennis Courts	15.10	
Interest	417.82	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,135.93
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		\$ 42,728.52

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 61,300.00
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	\$ 61,300.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	\$22,375.99
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	\$ 22,375.99

 LIABILITIES

Sale of building, water front property	\$ 375.00
Premium on bonds	22.80
Overpayment—Taxes, 1925	12.00
Unexpended Balances	
Repairs and Painting	
Town Building	\$ 601.68
County Road Construction	856.63
Rebuilding New York and Lake	
Avenues	92.55
Dredging Lake Anthony	5,000.00
Committee on Additional Facilities	
School	1,000.00
Cement Wall and Improvement,	
Waterfront	.02
Taking two lots, North Bluffs	971.62
Land taking between Bath House	
and Steamboat Wharf	9,228.95
Plans of Town	224.30
World War Memorial	700.00
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	\$ 18,675.75
Library, Petty Cash	\$ 15.00
Revenue, reserved until collected	
Tax titles	\$ 2,247.73
Departmental	1,231.38
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	\$ 3,479.11

Overlay, Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1926	365.28
Surplus Revenue	19,783.58
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	\$ 42,728.52

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Sea View Avenue Loan	\$ 4,400.00
Bulkhead on Waterfront Loan	15,200.00
New York Avenue Loan	15,200.00
Cement Wall and Improvement, Waterfront Loan	26,500.00
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	\$ 61,300.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Anna K. Barbey:

Public Welfare Fund	\$ 5,430.15
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Rebecca Clark:

Public Welfare Fund	1,275.61
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Ichabod Norton:

Public Welfare Fund	947.17
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\$ 7,652.93

Anna K. Barbey, School Fund	\$ 11,108.13
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Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	3,614.93
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\$ 22,375.99

ANNUAL



SCHOOL REPORT

1927



Report of School Committee

To the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town.

Your School Committee render the following report:

The Superintendent, Principal and Vocational teachers have covered the work and activities of the past year so fully, that very little is left to report. We have reason to feel pleased at the present condition of your schools. The students and pupils have become imbued with a splendid school spirit. It can be seen in the interest taken in their studies and by referring to the reports, you will see that the attendance has been excellent.

The "reports" will give you information that is worth your consideration and in regard to the Household Arts Department you will see by the number of students and pupils taking these courses how this departmental work has advanced. Last summer we were fortunate in securing the services of Bert L. Merrill, of Brewer, Maine, as Principal to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Jordan. Mr. Merrill has been instructor in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute of Worcester, Mass., and was Instructor in the French Department of that Institute. Mr. Merrill is a good disciplinarian in a quiet, gentlemanly but

firm manner, and his influence pervades the entire building for good. In the Junior High School we have Mr. Harry Dorr, also of Maine, whose good influence in that department is excellent. Miss Bertha Veeder is the new teacher in the same room taking charge of the Seventh Grade. One of our graduates of a few years ago, Miss Hilda Terra, was employed to teach the grade made vacant by Miss Chadwick, and a visit to her room will show a studious, polite and mannerly class of pupils governed by loving interest for their advancement and welfare. We hope she will remain with us for years to come. We know of the faithfulness of our teachers of the past year and we are glad so many of the old staff have remained with us. The teachers throughout the school building are doing splendid work. Most of these teachers took special courses at Summer Schools during the summer in connection with the needs of their grades, and they are getting good results. Another noticeable feature, this year, is seen in the politeness and good manners of the students and pupils throughout the building. In visiting the schools we have been *impressed* with the *deportment in every room* and it has given your Committee much gratification. Improvements and repairs have been made in the building to keep your schoolhouse in reasonably good repair and one of the best improvements made has been the removal of the old, worn window shades, for shades of color and material recommended by State officials, which are in sections so that light may be admitted into the rooms in such a way that the eyesight of the children will not be strained. We *need more room* and the *Special Committee appointed last year have decided on a plan*, which will probably be submitted to the voters this year, for their approval. Your Committee trust you will authorize the Committee to have their plan carried out, so that the building will be completed in time for the opening of schools in September next, when there will be a large number to enter

the first grade. Miss Veeder is now using the Manual Training building for her class, (the Seventh Grade) because of lack of room in the main building.

Your Committee feel that the morale and good condition of the schools give all interested in the scholarship and welfare of the children and youth of the Town, many reasons for congratulation. There is need of repairs and painting of the trimming of the main building next year. During the year just closed the piazzas, trimmings of windows and outside doors of the Household Arts Cottage have been painted and the kitchen, dining-room and living room painted and improved by new draperies at the windows, and on account of leakage one half of the roof has been shingled, some screens purchased for windows and other minor improvements have been made. The State Board assist us in the financial running of the Vocational Department, paying fifty cents of every dollar expended for replacement and salary of teacher. In other words, they go "fifty-fifty" with us.

Your Committee has worked as a unit for the welfare of the schools. We thank the officials and the parents and the other citizens of the town for the help and support they have given us and we hope to see further advancement along all lines in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN,

Chairman.

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN,

MINNIE E. VINCENT,

ETHEL BARNEY,

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I hereby submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools. The readings of the reports of Principal, Nurse and Music Teacher and a study of the tables which are a part of this report will give you the many details about which you wish to know.

For the County, as a whole, the year just closed has been a very successful one. The greatest progress has been made, of course, where the fewest changes of teachers have taken place. No changes were made in Gosnold, Chilmark and West Tisbury. Tisbury has four new teachers out of a total of fourteen. Oak Bluffs has four new teachers out of a total of thirteen. Edgartown was hardest hit as she has seven new teachers out of a total of ten. Of the new teachers engaged, all except one are graduates of colleges or training schools and of the total of sixteen new teachers seven of them have had previous experience.

We are gradually overcoming the temporary setback caused by such a wholesale change and hope by the co-operation of parents, pupils and teachers to overcome the handicap.

Special Classes

I strongly urge the establishing of special classes in each of the towns of Edgartown, Oak Bluffs and Tisbury. These classes will not only benefit those who need special attention but will be a benefit to those doing normal work as the teacher will have more time for the normal child when the retarded pupils are placed in special classes. I think also that an extra teacher should be employed who should devote part of his time to physical training and part time to vocational work.

Extra-Curricula Activities

The following is a list of some of the activities that have been participated in by some or all of the schools:

- I. Sale of Christmas Seals, the proceeds of which are used to prevent disease.
2. Filling of Christmas boxes to be sent across the seas to more unfortunate children.
3. Participation in the National Spelling Bee, the winner for the County being Robert Schultz of the West Tisbury school.
4. Educational trips to New Bedford by Grades VII and VIII. New York trip by Tisbury Seniors and Washington trips by Oak Bluffs and Edgartown Seniors.
5. 4-H Club prize-winners from several of the schools. From Gay Head, Meriam V. Hayson won the prize in handicraft. Walter Jenkinson of Chilmark won the poultry prize.

The first prize in the sewing club was won by Mildred Tilton of Vineyard Haven. These three prize winners were given a week's camping trip to Amherst Agricultural College as guests of the college. For those who are not familiar with this work I am quoting the following:

Boys' And Girls' 4-H Club Work

What Club Work Is:

Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work is a part of the national agricultural extension system. Through it, rural boys and girls 10 to 20 years of age, in school and out of school, are taught better agricultural and home-economics practices and the finer and more significant things of rural life. It builds men and women.

What Club Work Does:

4-H Club boys and girls are demonstrators—they learn and teach better ways on the farm, in the home, and in the community.

4-H Club boys and girls work, earn money, and acquire property.

4-H Club boys and girls do the needful, the wholesome, the helpful thing. They become leaders.

4-H Club boys and girls play the game fairly.

4-H Club boys and girls meet together, work together, play together, co-operate, achieve.

4-H Club boys and girls build up their bodies and health through right living; they train their hands to be useful, their minds to think quickly; their hearts are kind.

4-H Club boys and girls have high ideals and standards. They serve.

4-H Club boys and girls are doers.

The Club Problem:

There are about 11,000,000 rural boys and girls 10 to 18 years of age in the United States. There are now enrolled in 4-H Club work about 600,000 rural boys and girls, or about 1 out of each 18. The aim is so to develop the work that every boy and girl who reaches maturity and takes up farm life shall have had the opportunity in youth to take part in 4-H Club work.

How to Find Out More About 4-H Club Work:

- (1) Ask a club member or local club leader.
- (2) Ask your county extension agent.
- (3) Write to the extension director of your State agricultural college.
- (4) Write to the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

6. A tent caterpillar contest sponsored by the Martha's Vineyard Garden Club was participated in by many of the schools and as a result there were thousands less of these destructive pests.

The 1st prize of \$15.00 was won by the West Tisbury Center School, the 2nd prize by Locust Grove School and the 3rd prize, two trees set in school yard, was won by Edgartown.

Teachers

Each year an increasing number of our teachers are improving themselves either by taking correspondence courses or attending summer schools. This last summer every town in this district except two had teachers in summer schools. Several of these teachers as well as your superintendent have been going to summer school for several years in succession. These are working for a normal school diploma.

Miss Taylor of Cuttyhunk, and Miss Benedict, formerly of Edgartown, have nearly enough credits for a diploma. I trust others of the teaching force will do likewise. Your

superintendent, after several years of attendance at Hyannis, received a diploma from that school. The progressive teacher of the present day will voluntarily use some means of professional improvement.

It has been said that it is difficult to measure the value of our best teachers. She leads her boys and girls into new fields and new adventures. It is the voluntary things that teachers do that mean the most. She radiates enthusiasm which is infectious. She is the one whose great love for her work and subject prompted her to teach; she is the only one who brings the subjects to her pupils in such a way that they in turn work with enthusiasm. Teachers examine pupils by questions and give them marks upon their answers which are duly recorded. The pupils in turn give teachers marks, although the marks are not recorded, but these unrecorded marks are one of the most important things in education. Teachers should ever strive to see that these unrecorded marks are near the 100% mark.

New Building

As in previous reports I wish to emphasize the need of better school facilities and I am in entire agreement with the report of the Special School Building Committee and I trust that their recommendations will be carried out.

In conclusion I wish to thank parents, pupils, teachers and school officials for the splendid co-operation shown during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. MARTIN,

Supt. of Schools.

Principal's Report

Mr. R. W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I herewith submit my annual report of the Oak Bluffs Schools.

The average attendance for the High School during the fall term was 93% and for the grades approximately 92%. The total enrollment for the High School was 42 and for the grades 242.

The vocational work for the boys having been omitted this year, we found it necessary to convert the shop which was formerly used for that purpose, into a classroom to accommodate the excess number of students. The fact that only five will graduate from the High School in June and that there will be a large entering class next September makes it obvious that more room will have to be provided.

Various clubs and organizations have been formed this year by the students under the directions of the teachers. We have tried to encourage good, clean, athletic and social

activities, believing that in this way we can keep the students more interested in their school work.

The students this year are publishing a paper, "The Echo". They are very grateful to all the citizens in the town who have helped them in the project.

I want to encourage the parents and friends to visit the schools frequently. By doing so they show us that they are interested in what we are doing for their children.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the co-operation shown by all the teachers, and for the support of the School Committee and Superintendent.

Respectfully submitted,

BERT L. MERRILL,

Principal of Schools.

Report of Supervisor of Household Arts Department

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my second annual report of the work accomplished and planned for in the Household Arts Department:

The enrollment and program for this year are as follows:

Fifth Grade: One period of sewing a week—20 girls.

Sixth Grade: One period of sewing a week—18 girls.

Seventh Grade: Three periods of sewing a week—10 girls.

Seventh Grade: Two periods of cooking a week—10 girls.

Eighth Grade: Three periods of sewing a week—13 girls.

Eighth Grade: Two periods of cooking a week—13 girls.

Vocational: $2\frac{1}{4}$ hours a day—8 girls.

The fifth grade sewing program consists of instructions in fundamental sewing stitches. The girls in this class have made bags and are now working on aprons. Later on in the year they will learn the principles of machine stitching.

The girls of the Sixth grade review the fundamental sewing stitches and become better acquainted with machine stitching. They also learn how to use simple commercial patterns and garment construction. At present they are working on underwear.

The Seventh Grade girls have made cooking aprons and are now working on underwear problems. They have become more familiar with the use of commercial patterns, the buying of material, as well as the construction of more difficult garments. During December the girls made Christmas gifts which consisted of aprons, holders, bureau scarfs, towels, etc., and also learned the simple embroidery stitches.

The Eighth Grade girls are having more advanced sewing. They have made aprons, underwear, Christmas gifts and later on will make dresses. These girls have also made many dresses for their little sisters. They will also have lessons in dress appreciation, dress etiquette, care of clothing and laundering.

The cooking classes are taught partly on a meal-planning basis. The girls prepare individual dishes for a certain meal for several lessons and as a review plan, prepare and serve a whole meal. The Eighth Grade girls have already prepared a luncheon and the Seventh Grade a breakfast. Meal-planning, the classification of foods, the Health Rules, and the fundamentals of housework are taught along with the cooking lessons.

The Vocational class is twice as large this year as last. These girls have already accomplished a large amount of

work. In sewing they have made cooking aprons, underwear, children's clothing, bureau scarfs, towels, holders, etc. Some of the girls have made dresses for themselves and considerable re-modeling and renovating has been done by them. Just before Christmas they made nine aprons and sold them. They have also made arm bands and a banner for the High School.

In cooking they made nine jars of apple jelly, ten jars of quince jelly, nine jars of grape jelly, nine quarts of beets, eleven quarts of carrots, fifteen quarts of tomatoes and six quarts of picallili. They have prepared and served one large dinner and have made and sold cakes and pies.

The 4-H Food and Clothing Clubs have started again this year. The girls meet every week and after their business meetings, they receive some lessons in sewing and cooking and then have some entertainment. These clubs are under the supervision of the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst. The girls are given many household tasks to do as well as a required amount of cooking or sewing and if they complete their work they are awarded 4-H pins.

The Household Arts and Club work is so closely allied to the home that the co-operation of the parents is very essential and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone to visit the Domestic Science Cottage.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH VAN IDERSTINE.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

As Supervisor of Music in the schools of Martha's Vineyard, I hereby submit the following report:

Since Music, next to the three "R's", is considered, by present day educators, the most important subject in the public school curriculum it is with keen interest that we watch the growth of this work in our schools on the Vineyard.

The course is organized under three big headings: Voice-Culture, Sight Reading and Music Appreciation. Voice-Culture is begun in the first grade through the singing of rote songs. Sight reading is begun in the first grade through the singing of rote songs. Sight Reading is begun in the third grade by applying the do, re mi, syllables to familiar songs. Music Appreciation, which is presented by means of the Victrola, is also begun in the grade. This course is worked out to harmonize with the different physical periods in the child's development. Thus from the very beginning, the children are in touch with the best music; singing it, studying it, and hearing it.

Special programs are arranged throughout the year, and we are looking forward to a successful presentation of an Operetta, "Hulda of Holland", by the Vineyard Haven High School, sometime in February. Music Memory contests will be held in all the schools in May.

I wish to thank Mr. Martin, the principals, teachers and students for their splendid co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. DEMMONS,

Supervisor of Music.

Report of School Nurse

January 1, to December 31, 1927.

School visits	90
Home visits	326
Telephone visits	32
Boils	4
Children advised	25
Defective hearing	3
Defective vision	8
Diet regulation advised	12
Examinations	1,035
Dr Worth (physical)	242
Dr. Aureial (teeth)	265
Eyes	254
Ears	254
After absence	20
First aid treatment	80
Foreign body (eyes)	10
Glands (suppurative)	4
Glands (non-suppurative)	1
Glasses procured	3
Impetigo	2
Nutritional disorders	4
Pediculosis	58
Pre-School clinic	1
Referred to School Physician	4

Tonsils removed	3
Under weight clinic	1
Contagious diseases	5
Scarlet Fever	1
Infantile Paralysis	4

I wish to thank the Superintendent, doctors, teachers, School Committee and parents who have so willingly co-operated with us in every way to promote better health among our school children. Especially the parents having their children bring milk to school. In almost every case there has been a gain in weight.

When children show signs of illness they should be kept at home for they might endanger the health of other pupils. I solicit your co-operation in this work; by so doing you not only benefit your child but protect others.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Landers,

School Nurse.

Roll of Honor

Pupils Not Absent or Tardy

Three Terms

Wilfred Lawrence

Grade IV

Francis Metell

Grade I

Two Terms

Elizabeth Fisher

High School

Howard Besse

Grade VI

Walter Stevenson

Grade VI

Elizabeth Webb

Grade IV

Irving Silvia

Grade IV

Avery Stockton

Grade IV

One Term

Libby Burgess

High School

Muriel Webb

High School

Evelyn Dion

High School

Elizabeth Madeiros

High School

Pauline Brison

Junior High

Walter Bernard

Junior High

Dean Denniston

Junior High

Selma Hughes

Junior High

Manuel Burgess

Junior High

Robert Hughes	Junior High
Alberta Allard	Grade VI
Vivian Sourveine	Grade VI
Francis Madeiros	Grade VI
Hilda Madeiros	Grade V
Edna Stevenson	Grade V
Richard Blankenship	Grade V
Leo Camara	Grade V
Rolland Brison	Grade V
Adrian Silvia	Grade V
Eannie Tarvis	Grade V
Mary Metell	Grade IV
Helen Rose	Grade IV
Hannah Webb	Grade IV
Daniel Earl	Grade IV
Genevieve Rogers	Grade III
Alberta Silvia	Grade III
Gerald Denniston	Grade II
Georgette Perry	Grade II
Elsie Souza	Grade II

Statistics

TABLE OF STATISTICS—DECEMBER 1926 - 1927

Grade	Teachers	Total Membership	Average Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Ruth E. Phillips	39	33	90
2	Grace P. Smith	32	31	92
3	Muriel Pease	24	22	91
4	Hilda Terra	38	36	92
5	Mildred B. Wadsworth	34	32	95
6	Mary E. Place	31	27	95
7	Bertha Veeder	22	21	95
8	Harry G. Dorr	23	21	95
High School		42	37	93

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Bert L. Merrill, Principal

Letha N. Hurd

Mary C. De Bettencourt

Kathleen Arenovski

HOME ECONOMICS

Edith Van Inderstine

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Minerva Demmons

SCHOOL NURSE

Irene V. Landers

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Edward P. Worth, M. D.

TABLE OF STATISTICS—1926 - 1927

Teacher	Grade	Total		Average	Average	Per Cent
		Boys	Girls	Membership	Attend- ship	Attend- ance
Ruth Phillips	I	15	15	23	26	88
Grace Smith	II	12	16	25	27	92
Muriel Pease	III	22	18	33	37	90
Elsie Chadwick	IV	20	24	35	38	92
Mildred Wardsworth	V	16	24	26	35	92
Mary E. Place	VI	14	13	22	25	90
Grades VII & VIII						
Katherine Cochrane						
John McGowan						
Herman Noyes		35	19	41	46	90
Grades IX to XII						
H. Gilbert Jordan						
Mary De Bettencourt						
Letha Hurd						
K. W. Arenovski		12	25	31	34	91
E. F. Van Iderstine—Vocational						
Charles Sharpe						

COUNTY STATISTICS

	Population	Valuation	Tax Rate 1926	Val. per pupil	Spent for Schools	Price of per pupil	Recd. State	Recd. other source	State for Supt.	Average No. Pupils	Pupils Attending other Schools	Teachers	Normal or College
Tisbury	1431	\$5,613,540	\$15.00	\$21,024	\$24,313.92	\$74.53	\$2,159.23	\$2,185.97	.....	302	0	13	11
Oak Bluffs	1314	3,716,745	30.00	13,973	20,343.51	78.86	2,697.46	.....	\$443.64	266	0	12	8
Edgartown	1235	3,271,830	26.60	15,078	23,327.76	104.70	1,972.46	.....	443.64	217	0	10	7
West Tisbury	332	701,725	13.00	12,311	7,447.60	94.97	1,348.98	.....	266.17	46	14	3	3
Chilmark	240	503,228	19.10	16,233	3,797.29	95.27	956.04	.....	88.73	28	9	1	0
Gay Head	168	102,785	21.50	4,111	3,041.49	39.83	2,437.58	.....	88.73	21	8	1	1
Gosnold	142	1,367,087	18.00	151,890	3,191.40	324.92	347.10	.....	158.78	10	2	1	1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1928 - 1929

Winter Term: Jan. 3 to March 30, 1928.

Spring Term: April 10 to June 15, 1928.

Fall Term: Sept. 10 to Dec. 21, 1928.

Winter Term: Jan. 2 to March 29, 1929.

Spring Term: April 9 to June 14, 1929.

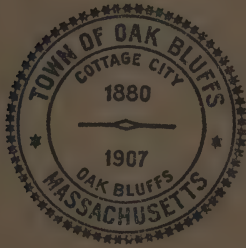


Entrance Requirements

Pupils who wish to enter the first grade must be at least five and one-half years of age at the opening of school in September. All pupils are required by the law to be vaccinated before attending school, so parents should attend to this matter before the opening of school.



ANNUAL
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— FOR —
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AND THE SCHOOL REPORT

OAK BLUFFS, MASS.
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1929.

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Town Officers, 1928

Town Clerk

JOHN MILLER

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT	Term expires 1929
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN	Term expires 1930
NORMAN L. PRATT	Term expires 1931

Accountant

JOHN MILLER

Assessors

FREDERICK W. SMITH	Term expires 1931
HOLLIS W. ENGLE	Term expires 1929
LEWIS BARTLETT	Term expires 1930

Treasurer

HOSEA S. LOOK

Collector of Taxes

EDWIN R. FRASIER

School Committee

ETHEL L. BARNEY	Term expires 1929
CLARENCE P. HAYDEN	Term expires 1930
MINNIE E. VINCENT	Term expires 1931

Board of Health

MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT
MICHAEL J. KEEGAN
NORMAN L. PRATT

Park Commissioners

PETER J. TAEGER	Term expires 1929
CLEMENT STUDLEY (to fill vacancy)	Term expires 1929
JOSEPH E. AMARAL	Term expires 1930

Cemetery Commissioners

EMERY N. NOYES	Term expires 1929
I. HERBERT FRANCIS	Term expires 1930
CHARLES A. WILLIAMS	Term expires 1931

Library Trustees

WALTER C. RIPLEY	Term expires 1929
ELIZABETH E. RICE	Term expires 1930
HERBERT A. EDDY	Term expires 1931

Board of Fire Engineers

ANTONE P. MEDEIROS
FREDERICK W. SMITH
CLEMENT STUDLEY

Chief of Police**WALTER W. GILKES****Night Watchman****JOHN JONES****Constables****AUGUSTUS F. AMARAL
HARRY T. WEBB****Sealer of Weights and Measures****JOSEPH A. SYLVIA****Tree Warden****GEORGE FRYE****Moth Superintendent****FRANK F. BLANKENSHIP****Surveyors of Lumber and Measures of
Wood and Bark****HERBERT A. EDDY
PETER J. TAEGER****Fence Viewers****MANUEL S. DeBETTENCOURT
THOMAS A. McGRATH****Pound Keeper****WALTER W. GILKES**

Field Drivers

MANUEL R. SYLVIA
HARRY T. WEBB

Finance Committee**Terms expire 1929**

REUBEN PHILLIPS	JOHN HUGHES
EBEN D. BODFISH	HERBERT A. EDDY
THOMAS L. WILLISTON	

Terms expire 1930

M. CLAYTON HOYLE	FRANK F. BLANKENSHIP
JESSE STEERE	DAVID J. McBRIDE
WILLIAM NORTON, JR.	

Terms expire 1931

CARROLL J. DARLING	CHRISTOPHER LOOK
ERNEST A. NICKEL	ELMER E. LANDERS
WILLIAM J. WOODARD	

Tax Rate \$31.50

Valuation April 1, 1928

The following items taken from Assessors' Valuation List for year 1928.

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate, April 1, 1928		\$3,853,156.00
Assessed Personal Estate	\$ 622,771.00	
Assessed Real Estate	3,230,385.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,853,156.00
Total Tax on Personal Estate	\$ 19,305.90	
Total Tax on Real Estate	100,141.93	
Total Tax on Polls	874.00	
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Total Tax		\$120,321.83

State Tax	\$ 4,675.00
State Highway Tax	211.56
Municipal Audit	383.04
County Tax	12,150.77

Overlay—1927	253.76
Overlay—1928	2,150.36
Town Tax	99,623.34
Tax on Polls	874.00
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Total Tax	\$120,321.83

Number of residents assessed on property	685
Number of non-residents assessed on property	1,015
Number of persons poll tax only	437
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Total	2,078

Number of horses	29
Number of cows	102
Number of neat cattle	4
Number of swine	56
Number of fowl	531
Number of dwellings	1,349
Number of acres of land	3,423

EXEMPTED PROPERTY

African M. E. Church	\$ 500.00
Bradley Memorial Church	2,500.00
Baptist Vineyard Association	4,250.00

EXEMPTED PROPERTY--Continued

Fall River Deaconess Home	1,000.00
I. O. O. F. Personal Property	250.00
M. V. Camp-Meeting Association	5,250.00
M. V. Hospital Association	7,700.00
Methodist Episcopal Association	5,500.00
Oak Bluffs Baptist Church	4,500.00
Order of Eastern Star	350.00
Protestant Episcopal Society	4,000.00
Sacred Heart Parishes	30,500.00
Union Christian Association	7,000.00
U. S. America	6,400.00

PROPERTY OF TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

Town Hall Buildings and Land	\$ 3,700.00
Furnishings	10,000.00
School Buildings and Land	27,700.00
School Furnishings	12,400.00
Fire Department	11,000.00
Park Departments, Parks and Playgrounds	100,000.00
Cemetery Department, Land	1,132.00
Library Department, Books, Etc.	1,300.00
Water Mains and Hydrants	4,000.00
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	\$171,232.00

Receipts

TAXES

Levy of 1925	\$ 12.00
Levy of 1926	126.47
Levy of 1927	15,234.90
Levy of 1928	82,872.76
Tax Titles Redeemed	43.77
Soldiers Exemption	32.80
Income Tax	12,211.30
Corporation Tax	1,337.82
National Bank Tax	55.63
	<hr/> \$111,927.45

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Shellfish	\$30.00
Junk	50.00
Used Car Dealer	10.00
Third Class	1.00
Garage Registrations	1.50
Sunday	90.00
Common Victuallers	28.00

Taxi	52.00	
Transient Vendor	500.00	
Inn Holder	44.00	
Billiard	5.00	
Intelligence Office	4.00	
Manicure	3.00	
Checking	5.00	
Baggage	6.00	
Common Carrier	4.00	
Bus	6.00	
Theatre	150.00	
Amusement	10.00	
Skating Rink	25.00	
Shooting Gallery	5.00	
Bowling	16.00	
Eel Pot	6.00	
Dance Hall	50.00	
Auctioneer	4.00	
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	\$1,105.50	
Unidentified Licenses of 1926	4.00	
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		\$1,109.50

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines	\$127.72
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GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:

Vocational Education	\$438.13
Smith-Hughes Fund	69.18

From County:

Dog Licenses	186.58	
	<hr/>	\$693.89

DEPARTMENTAL

Collector's Costs	\$34.80
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Town Hall:

Rental	\$75.00	
Telephone Tolls	1.80	
	<hr/>	\$76.80

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Sealer:

Sealer's fees	\$37.15	
Division of Standards	30.00	
	<hr/>	\$67.15

Fire Department:

Sale of Stoves	\$15.00
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Health Department:

Division of Sanatoria	\$176.43
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Highway Department:

Labor and Material	\$342.52
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Public Welfare:

Reimbursements	
Mothers' Aid—State	\$506.00
Temporary Aid—State	373.00
Cities and Towns	991.00
Income from Trust Funds	396.53
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	\$2,266.53

School Department:

Sale of Food	\$43.74
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Library Department

Fines and Fees	\$374.94
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Park Department:

Tennis Court Rentals	\$563.75
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Cemetery Department:

Sale of Lots	\$90.00
Burials	96.00
Care of Lots	10.00
Income from Perpetual Care Funds	20.20
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	\$216.20

INTEREST

On Deposits	\$306.70	
On Deferred Taxes	512.79	
	<hr/>	\$819.49

INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	\$60,000.00
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UNCLASSIFIED

Excess reimbursement by Treasurer	\$2.50
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AGENCY

State Tax	\$4,675.50	
Highway Tax	211.56	
Auditing	383.04	
County Tax	12,150.77	
	<hr/>	\$17,420.87

TRUST

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	\$300.00
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REFUNDS

Taxes—1927	\$10.72	
Taxes—1928	71.30	
Fire Department	.15	
Health Department	.01	
Public Welfare	60.33	
	<hr/>	142.51
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		\$196,721.79
Cash Balance, January 1, 1928		20,319.69
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Grand Total		\$217,041.48
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Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATURE

Moderator's Salary	\$15.00
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SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Selectmen's Salaries	\$600.00
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Expenses:

Janitor	\$30.00	
Telephone	27.05	
Fuel, Light	160.85	
Transportation	30.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	5.35	
Water	35.00	
All Other	11.65	
	<hr/>	299.90
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		899.90

ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT

Accountant's Salary	\$1,700.00
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Expenses:

Printing, Postage, Stationery	35.39	
	<hr/>	1,735.39

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Treasurer's Salary	\$400.00
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Expenses:

Surety Bond	\$90.00	
Certifying Notes	12.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	29.63	
All Other	6.66	
	<u>138.29</u>	
		<u>538.29</u>

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Collector's Salary	\$750.00
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Expenses:

Surety Bond	\$180.00	
Advertising	28.80	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	53.12	
All Other	18.98	
	<u>280.90</u>	
		<u>1,030.90</u>

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

Assessors' Salaries	\$600.00
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Expenses:

Abstracts	\$56.25	
Auto Hire	8.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	65.75	
New Card System	68.75	
	<u>198.75</u>	
		<u>798.75</u>

LAW DEPARTMENT

Town Counsel, Services	\$75.00
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TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Town Clerk, Salary	\$300.00
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Expenses:

Vital Statistics	\$86.00	
Physician's Returns	15.75	
Bond	4.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	39.28	
Clerical Hire	70.00	
All Other	74.90	
	<hr/>	289.93
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		589.93

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Board of Registrars' Salaries	\$100.00
Election Officers	144.00
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	244.00

Expenses:

Posting Warrants	\$14.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	87.35	
All Other	3.85	
	<hr/>	105.20
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		349.20
Rent of Columbus Hall		\$300.00

HEATING, REPAIRS AND PAINTING TOWN BUILDINGS

Heating Contract	\$747.50	
Repairs Contract	239.67	
Repairs, other than contracts	79.70	
Painting	26.40	
Material	49.48	
Labor	55.20	
	<hr/>	1,197.95

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police, Salary	\$1,500.00
Night Watch, Salary	1,460.00
Patrolmen, Salary	1,331.00

Expenses:

Auto Hire & Transportation	\$84.95	
Officers and Witness fees	39.60	
Paints	24.15	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	2.50	
Attorney's fee	35.00	
All Other	19.00	
	<hr/>	205.20
		<hr/> 4,496.20

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Board of Engineers	\$50.00
Chief of Engineers	50.00

Firemen	747.50	
Stewards	120.00	
Supt. of Alarm and Care of Batteries	200.00	
	<hr/>	1,167.50

Expenses:

Apparatus	\$8,000.00	
New Hose	1,470.00	
Chemical Hose	30.00	
Truck Supplies and Repairs	177.76	
Equipment Supplies and Repairs	192.82	
Fuel and Light	393.63	
Water	74.70	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	5.80	
Hydrant Rentals	2,850.00	
Firemen's Insurance	148.00	
All Other	177.45	
	<hr/>	13,520.16
		<hr/> 14,687.66

Rebuilding old and building new lines:

Labor	\$159.46	
Material and Supplies	286.64	
	<hr/>	446.10

Heating and Repairs, Steamer House:

Heating Contract	\$995.00	
Repairs Contract	335.00	
Postage	2.08	
	<hr/>	1,332.08

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sealer's Salary	\$100.00	
Expenses:		
Transportation	\$35.00	
Equipment	10.67	
Insurance	28.80	
All Other	9.35	
	<hr/>	83.82
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		183.82

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Labor	\$242.00	
Expenses:		
Trucks and Teams	\$168.00	
Insecticides	18.10	
Oils and Grease	51.82	
All Other	13.54	
	<hr/>	251.46
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		493.46

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

Warden Services	\$100.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salaries:

Board of Health	\$75.00	
Agents	150.00	
	<hr/>	225.00

Expenses:

Tuberculosis Hospitals	\$710.78	
General Hospitals	715.74	
Transportation	10.46	
Disinfectants, Etc.	7.00	
	<hr/>	1,668.98
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary		75.00
Inspector of Animals, Salary		50.00

COLLECTION OF OFFAL

Labor	\$2,043.00	
Truck Supplies and Repairs	651.73	
	<hr/>	2,694.73

CARE OF DUMPS

Labor		\$508.44
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CLEANING CATCH BASINS

Labor	\$201.70	
Supplies	1.18	
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SWEEPING STREETS

Labor	\$878.64	
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Expenses:

Brooms	\$10.73	
Supplies	8.50	
	<hr/>	897.87

PUBLIC SANITARIES

Labor		\$385.00
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Expenses:

Lease	\$125.00
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Water	59.00
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Repairs	33.41
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Supplies	32.50
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	<u>249.91</u>
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	<u>634.91</u>
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

REPAIRS TO CONCRETE ROADS

Labor	\$1,642.73
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Expenses:

Tar and Asphalt	\$559.83
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Gravel and Stone	25.07
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Truck Supplies and Repairs	258.83
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Freight and Carting	89.96
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Mixer parts and Repairs	57.10
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Truck Body	300.00
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Land and Drains Beach Road	150.00
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Cord Wood and Supplies	199.74
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	<u>1,640.53</u>
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	<u>3,283.26</u>
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REPAIRS TO DIRT ROADS

Labor		\$1,191.63	
Expenses:			
Truck Repairs and Supplies	\$79.35		
Gravel and Ashes	49.00		
Surveys and Lay-outs	67.30		
Supplies	37.96		
All Other	38.39		
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		272.00	
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			1,463.63

REPAIRS TO DUKES COUNTY AVENUE

Labor		\$539.72	
Expenses:			
Tar and Asphalt	\$265.32		
Stone and Gravel	132.78		
Freight and Carting	8.86		
Truck Supplies	45.59		
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		452.55	
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			992.27

PARKING SPACE

Labor		\$618.12	
Expenses:			
Tar and Asphalt	\$223.64		
Stone and Gravel	27.50		
Truck Supplies	117.58		
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		368.72	
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			986.84

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL STREET

Labor		\$381.50	
Expenses:			
Tar and Asphalt	\$86.75		
Stone and Gravel	21.90		
Supplies	1.70		
		<u>110.35</u>	
			<u>491.85</u>

BUILDING CATCH BASINS AND DRAINS

Labor		\$752.20	
Expenses:			
Grates, Frames and Pipe	\$48.19		
Cement	62.47		
Stone and Gravel	84.12		
Freight and Carting	2.21		
Truck Supplies	7.51		
		<u>204.50</u>	
			<u>956.70</u>

ROAD MACHINERY

Labor		\$76.00	
Expenses:			
Purchase	\$500.00		
		<u>500.00</u>	
			<u>576.00</u>

NEW YORK AND LAKE AVENUES

Labor		\$17.00
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BULKHEADS AND BRIDGES

Labor		\$203.11	
Lumber	\$39.45		
Pipe Fence	49.50		
Paints	115.65		
All Other	18.76		
	<hr/>	223.36	
		<hr/>	426.47

REMOVAL OF SNOW

Labor and Trucks	\$233.00
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STREET LIGHTING

Contract	\$8,581.07	
Expenses:		
Replacement and Supplies	\$141.67	
	<hr/>	8,722.74

HARBOR MASTER

Salary	\$50.00	
Expenses:		
Labor and Supplies	100.00	
	<hr/>	150.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

PUBLIC WELFARE

Expenses:

Cash Aid	\$5,833.00	
Mother's Aid	1,040.00	
Medical Attendance	176.50	
Hospital Care	794.53	
Transportation to Hospitals	317.00	
Groceries and Provisions	778.13	
Clothing	50.70	
Fuel	307.43	
Rent	249.70	
Burial	70.00	
Relief by other Cities and Towns	518.90	
Assistance in Paying Taxes	76.19	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	14.54	
All Other	101.91	
	<hr/>	10,328.53

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Soldiers' Relief:

Cash Aid	\$48.00
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EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

School Committee	\$150.00
Secretary of Committee	100.00

Superintendent	875.00	
Physician	100.00	
Nurse	650.00	
Janitor	1,133.00	
Teachers	16,963.15	
	<hr/>	19,971.15

Expenses:

Transportation	\$506.80	
Water	47.00	
Fuel and Lights	969.55	
Telephone	49.39	
Text Books and Supplies	1,702.73	
Domestic Science Supplies	153.31	
General Repairs to Buildings	710.18	
Plumbing and Repairs	230.27	
Janitor Supplies	160.37	
Tuition, Vocational	55.00	
All Other	724.72	
	<hr/>	5,309.32
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		25,280.47

REPAIRS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Repairs—Contract	\$1,700.00	
Painting—Contract	300.00	
	<hr/>	2,000.00

TEMPORARY BUILDING—ALL EQUIPPED

Building—Contract	\$3,996.86	
Furniture and Equipment	944.00	
	<hr/>	4,940.86

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Librarian Services	\$365.53	
Janitor Services	108.00	
	<hr/>	473.53

Expenses:

Books and Periodicals	\$381.97	
Fuel and Light	50.10	
Rent	180.00	
Water	16.00	
Insurance	37.80	
Binding	3.60	
All Other	19.92	
	<hr/>	689.39
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		1,162.92

RECREATION

PUBLIC PARKS

Labor and Trucks	\$3,014.23	
Plants and Shrubs	1,418.03	
Seeds and Loam	181.00	
Fertilizer	77.00	
Water	460.50	
All Other	86.29	
	<hr/>	5,237.05

TENNIS COURTS—MAINTENANCE

Labor	\$604.75	
Supplies	196.27	
	<hr/>	801.02

FENCE ON WATERFRONT

Rail Fence—Contract	\$398.95
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SEATS ON WATERFRONT

Stock and Labor	\$239.20
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CULVERT GATE—SUNSET LAKE

Gate-frames	\$250.00	
Labor	13.55	
	<hr/>	263.55

TAKING OF TWO LOTS—NORTH BLUFF

Transportation Expense	\$15.00
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TAKING OF LAND BETWEEN BATH HOUSES
AND STEAMBOAT WHARF

Legal Expense—Transcripts	\$231.80	
Transportation	19.40	
	<hr/>	251.20

UNCLASSIFIED

Amusements	\$2,500.00
Advertising	500.00
Town Reports	297.50
Memorial Day	50.00
Doyle vs. Town	13.00
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	3,360.50

PLANNING BOARD

Expense	\$15.00
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RESERVE FUND

Transfers:

Police Department	\$350.00
Health Department	150.00
Doyle vs. Town	25.00

CEMETERIES

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Chairman of Committee, Salary	\$75.00
Labor	839.70
	<u>914.70</u>

Expenses:

Water	\$8.00
Loam and Fertilizer	66.00
Markers	42.50
Freight and Carting	10.23
Equipment	23.00
All Other	39.67
	<u>189.40</u>
	<u>1,104.10</u>

CONCRETING WALKS

Labor	\$131.68
Tar and Asphalt	113.36
	<u>245.04</u>

INTEREST

Temporary Loans	\$985.94	
General Loans	2,404.07	
	<hr/>	3,390.01

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Maturing Debt	\$10,550.00	
Temporary Loans	60,000.00	
	<hr/>	70,550.00

AGENCY

State Tax	\$4,675.00	
Highway Tax	211.56	
Municipal Audit	383.04	
County Tax	12,150.77	
	<hr/>	17,420.37

TRUST**Trust Funds:**

Cemetery Perpetual Care	\$300.00
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REFUNDS

Fire Department	.15	
Health Department	.01	
Public Welfare	60.33	
Taxes—1927	14.02	
Taxes—1928	71.30	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	.60	
Badges	2.00	
	<hr/>	148.41
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		202,327.38
In Departmental Accounts		525.00
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		201,802.38
Cash Balance, December 31, 1928		15,239.10
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Grand Total		\$217,041.48

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1928

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In Bank and Office	\$15,239.10	
Library—Petty Cash	15.00	
	<hr/>	15,254.10

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1927	\$ 439.41	
Levy of 1928	19,377.13	
	<hr/>	19,816.54

Departmental:

Health	\$ 316.43	
Public Welfare	1,650.33	
Commonwealth of Mass.— Soldiers' Burials	100.00	
	<hr/>	2,066.76

Tax Titles held by Town	2,352.33
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Overlay Deficit:

Levy of 1927 (to be provided for in 1929)	218.57
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Overdrawn Account (to be appropriated):

Repairs to Concrete Roads	283.26
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\$39,991.56

 LIABILITIES

Waler C. Ripley, Treasurer	\$2.50
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Unexpended Balances:

County Road Construction	\$856.63
Road Machinery	924.00
Rebuilding New York and Lake Avenues	75.55
Dredging Lake Anthony	5,000.00
Committee on Additional Facilities, School	1,000.00
Cement Wall and Improvement, Waterfront	.02
Taking Two Lots, North Bluffs	956.62
Land Taking between Bath House and Steamboat Wharf	8,977.75
Plans of Town	724.30
War Memorial	700.00
	<hr/> 19,214.87

Library—Petty Cash	15.00
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Revenue, Reserved until Collected:

Tax Titles	\$2,352.33	
Departmental	2,066.76	
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Overlay, Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1928	1,161.65
Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus	307.53
Surplus Revenue	14,870.92
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	<u>\$39,991.56</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$50,750.00
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	\$50,750.00
Sea View Avenue Loan	\$ 2,200.00
Bulkhead on Waterfront Loan	13,300.00
New York Avenue Loan	11,400.00
Cement Wall and Improvement, Waterfront, Loan	23,850.00
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	\$50,750.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	\$23,261.48
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	\$23,261.48
Anna K. Barbey, Public Welfare Fund	\$5,430.15
Rebecca Clark, Public Welfare Fund	1,275.61
Ichabod Norton, Public Welfare Fund	947.17
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	7,652.93
Anna K. Barbey, School Fund	11,556.89
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	4,051.66
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	\$23,261.48

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

General Government:	Balances Jan. 1, '28	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '28.
Moderator		15.00			15.00			
Selectmen		900.00			899.90		.10	
Accountant		1,750.00			1,735.39		14.61	
Treasurer	*13.22	563.22			538.29		11.71	
Tax Collector		1,115.00			1,030.90		84.10	
Assessors		850.00			798.75		51.25	
Town Counsel		100.00			75.00		25.00	
Town Clerk		600.00			589.93		10.07	
Election and Registration		350.00			349.20		.80	
Repairs and Painting Town Buildings	601.68	600.00			1,197.95		3.73	
Rent of hall for Town Meeting		300.00			300.00			
Protection of Persons and Property:								
Police Department		4,415.00		350.00	4,496.20		268.80	
Fire Department, Salaries		1,100.00			997.50		102.50	
Fire Department, Expenses	*14.67	1,395.34			1,340.16		10.51	

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '28	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '28.
Fire Department, New Boxes	*17.95	17.95	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fire Department, Heating Plant	---	1,500.00	---	---	1,332.08	---	167.92	---
Fire Department, Hydrant Rentals	---	2,850.00	---	---	2,850.00	---	---	---
Fire Department, New Hose	---	1,500.00	---	---	1,500.00	---	---	---
Fire Department, New Truck	---	8,000.00	---	---	8,000.00	---	---	---
Fire Department, Old and New Lines	---	450.00	---	---	446.10	---	3.90	---
Sealer of Weights and Measures	---	200.00	---	---	183.82	---	16.18	---
Suppression of Moths	---	500.00	---	---	493.46	---	6.54	---
Tree Warden	---	100.00	---	---	100.00	---	---	---
Health and Sanitation:								
Board and Agent, Salaries	---	225.00	---	---	225.00	---	---	---
Board and Agent, Expenses	---	1,300.00	---	150.00	1,443.98	---	6.02	---
Collection of Offal	*109.14	2,809.14	---	---	2,694.73	---	5.27	---
Care of Dumps	---	600.00	---	---	508.44	---	91.56	---
Cleaning Catch Basins	---	250.00	---	---	202.88	---	47.12	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '28	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '28.
Street Cleaning	---	900.00	---	---	897.87	---	2.13	---
Public Sanitaries	---	1,000.00	---	---	634.91	---	365.09	---
Inspector of Slaughtering	---	75.00	---	---	75.00	---	---	---
Inspector of Animals	---	50.00	---	---	50.00	---	---	---
Highways:								
Repairs to Concrete Roads	---	3,000.00	---	---	3,283.26	---	---	*283.26
Repairs to Dirt Roads	---	1,500.00	---	---	1,463.63	---	36.37	---
Repairs to Dukes County Avenue	---	1,000.00	---	---	992.27	---	7.73	---
Parking Space—Waterfront	---	1,000.00	---	113.36	1,100.20	---	13.16	---
Shawmut and Vineyard Avenues	*7.32	7.32	---	---	---	---	---	---
Repairs to School Street	---	500.00	---	---	491.85	---	8.15	---
Building Catch Basins and Drains	---	1,000.00	---	---	956.70	---	43.30	---
County Road Construction	856.63	---	---	---	---	---	---	856.63
Road Machinery	---	1,500.00	---	---	576.00	---	---	924.00

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '28	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '28.
Rebuilding N. Y. and Lake Avenues	92.55				17.00			75.55
Dredging Lake Anthony	5,000.00							5,000.00
Bulkheads and Bridges		500.00			426.47		73.53	
Removal of Snow		500.00			233.00		267.00	
Street Lighting		11,000.00			8,722.74		2,277.26	
Harbor Master, Salary and Expenses		150.00			150.00			
Public Welfare		10,000.00	396.53		10,328.53		68.00	
Soldiers' Benefit:								
Soldiers' Relief		48.00			48.00			
Education:								
Schools, Salary of Committee and Sec'y		250.00			250.00			
Schools, Superintendent, Salary		875.00			875.00			
Schools, Physician, Salary		100.00			100.00			

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '28	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '28.
Schools, Nurse, Salary		650.00			650.00			
Schools, Teachers, Salaries and Expenses	*510.71	25,060.71	69.18		23,405.47		1,213.71	
Schools, Com. on Additional Facilities	1,000.00							1,000.00
Repairs to Buildings		2,000.00			2,000.00			
Schools, Temporary Building and Equipment		5,000.00			4,940.86		59.14	
Library, Salaries and Expenses		1,200.00			1,162.92		37.08	
Recreation:								
Parks		5,250.00			5,237.05		12.95	
Maintenance of Tennis courts	*15.10	1,015.10			801.02		198.98	
Railway Fence, Waterfront		400.00			398.95		1.05	
Seats, Waterfront		250.00			239.20		10.80	
Culvert Gate, Sunset Lake		500.00			263.55		236.45	
Cement Wall and Improvements, Waterfront	.02							.02
Land Taking, North Bluffs	971.62				15.00			956.62
Land Taking between bath houses and wharf	9,228.95				251.20			8,977.75

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '28	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '28.
Amusements	---	2,500.00	---	---	2,500.00	---	---	---
Unclassified:								
War Memorials	700.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	700.00
Town Plans	224.30	500.00	---	---	---	---	---	724.30
Planning Board	---	100.00	---	---	15.00	---	85.00	---
Premiums, Notes and Bonds	22.80	---	---	---	---	22.80	---	---
Town Reports	---	297.50	---	---	297.50	---	---	---
Doyle vs. Town	---	---	---	25.00	13.00	---	12.00	---
Memorial Day	---	50.00	---	---	50.00	---	---	---
Advertising	---	500.00	---	---	500.00	---	---	---
Reserve Fund	---	1,000.00	---	---	---	525.00	475.00	---
Walter C. Ripley, Treasurer	---	---	7.50	---	5.00	---	---	2.50
Cemeteries:								
Salaries and Expenses	---	1,275.00	20.20	---	1,104.10	---	191.10	---
Concrete Walks	---	250.00	---	---	131.68	113.36	4.96	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '28	Appropriation	Receipts	Transfers	Expenditures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '28.
Interest:								
Interest	*417.82	4,117.82			3,390.01		309.99	
Municipal Indebtedness:								
Maturing Debt		10,550.00			10,550.00			
Temporary Loans			60,000.00		60,000.00			
Agency:								
State Tax		4,675.00			4,675.00			
Highway Tax		211.56			211.56			
Auditing		383.04			383.04			
County Tax		12,150.77			12,150.77			
Trust:								
Cemetery Perpetual Care			300.00		300.00			

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '28	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '28.
Refunds:								
Fire	-----	-----	.15	-----	.15	-----	-----	-----
Health	-----	-----	.01	-----	.01	-----	-----	-----
Public Welfare	-----	-----	60.33	-----	60.33	-----	-----	-----
Total	-----Cr. Bal. \$18,698.55							\$19,217.37 Cr. Bal.
Total	-----Dr. Bal. *\$1,135.93	\$149,197.47	\$60,853.90	\$638.36	\$201,719.46	\$661.16	\$6,937.62	*\$283.26 Dr. Bal.

Report of Town Clerk

RETURNS OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1928

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAME OF PARENTS
January	4 Lois Campbell	F	Joseph and Lena
"	11 Irene Ruth Eddy	F	Arthur C. and Helen W.
"	13 Phyllis Garland	F	George S. and Agnes
"	16 Beatrice Mary O'Connell	F	Francis J. and Beatrice L.
"	28 William Joseph Shannon	M	William J. and Emma L.
February	17 Leo Ramon Normandin	M	Leo and Lucy
March	3 Wallace Amos Smalley	M	Amos and Lydia A.
"	16 Arthur Lawrence Collet, Jr.	M	Arthur L. and Catherine M.
April	1 Hilda Gomes Comacho	F	John J. and Concession
"	22 Christopher Stetson Look, Jr.	M	Christopher Stetson and Agatha
"	24	M	
"	25 John Fenton Graham	M	James Harlow and Susie
May	12 Priscilla Elizabeth Johnson	F	Herman G. and Mary
"	22 Melvin Lewis Elliott	M	Emulous and Ruth E.
"	25 Alice Marie Magnuson	F	George G. and Emily M.
"	28 George Duart	M	Manuel and Mary
"	30	F	
June	12 Marion Murphv	F	George and Alice
"	13 June Teresa Fauteux	F	James and June M.
"	16 — Burgo	F	Manuel and Mary
"	21 Barbara Mona Silvia	F	Carl and Julia
"	28 Lillian Sadie Madison	F	Nehemiah and Sarah
"	28 Pamela Anne Dunbar	F	Charles B. and Emily M.
July	3 Esther Lillian Silva	F	Leland and Mary Ann
"	5 — Poole	F	Donald L. and Dorothy C.
"	13 Elizabeth Lois Silvia	F	Anthony D. and Elizabeth
"	13 — Lewis	M	John and Hilda
"	14 — Yates	M	James and
"	22 Robert Wilfred Sylvia	M	Albert E. Jr., and Celia E.
"	23 Lorina Howes	F	Henry L. and Doris
"	24 Robert B. Willoughby	M	Leo A. and Flora
"	27 Katherine Brehm Tilton	F	Ralph and Lueretia
"	28 Richard Lee Sanderson	M	Lee B. and Ruth
August	1	M	
"	16 Marjorie Davis Manter	F	Daniel and Lillian
"	27 Theresa Jacqueline Farland	F	Joseph A. and Irene C.
September	12 George Elmer Murphy	M	Raymond F. and Jennie M.
"	14 Jetta Elsie Entwistle	F	John W. and Jetta
"	22 Violet Marion Cleveland	F	Herbert R. and Jane E.
"	24 Anne Maria Carneyro	F	Claudio and Katherine
October	5 — Norton	M	Clarence W. and Dorothy
"	8 Madelene Emily Oliver	F	Celestino and Emily
"	16 Robert Joseph Silva	M	Joseph and Virginia
"	22 Raymond Gilbert Powell	M	Howard and Laura
"	29 Reuben Silvia, Jr.	M	Reuben and Mary M.
November	9 Jerome H. skins Gonsalves	M	Jerome and Maud E.
"	12 Bartlett Mayhew Humphreys	M	Argie and Bernice
"	13 Priscilla Ann Pease	F	Wilbur C. and Gladys
"	16 Patricia Flanders	F	Robert and Gladys
December	9 Antone White, Jr.	M	Antone and Mary
"	13 Marilyn Souza	F	Anthony and Mary
"	16 Leo Colinsky	M	David and Tillie

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
January	5 Leland N. Sylvia	23	Tisbury, Mass.
	Mary Ann E. Duart	17	Oak Bluffs
"	18 Harry Miller	45	Oak Bluffs
	Eva Mae Multer	32	Oak Bluffs
"	23 Reuben Sylvia	22	Oak Bluffs
	Mary Roderiques	17	Oak Bluffs
"	31 Isaac C. Norton	26	Edgartown, Mass.
	Joanna C. Doyle	27	Edgartown, Mass.
February	14 Carl Joseph Silvia	19	Oak Bluffs
	Julia R. Silvia	18	Oak Bluffs
April	20 Harris Arnold Carr	34	Oak Bluffs
	Edith Louise Peterson	23	Marion, Mass.
May	3 William Wilson	50	Oak Bluffs
	Rosella Cavanaugh	49	Barrington, Rhode Island
June	17 Harold Bridge	24	Oak Bluffs
	Lois Hilda Studley	20	Oak Bluffs
"	17 Clyde E. MacNeill	30	Oak Bluffs
	Mina I. Silva	28	Tisbury, Mass.
"	26 Manuel J. Gonsalves	45	Oak Bluffs
	Margaret DeLoach	35	Oak Bluffs
"	30 Hollis Ayre Smith	25	Petersham, Mass.
	Doris Guinn	25	Brooklyn, New York
July	25 Cecil P. Young	33	Bradley Beach, New Jersey
	Lisbeth L. Iveson	33	Oak Bluffs
August	12 Royal E. Terhune	36	Paterson, New Jersey
	Ossie M. Morse	31	Paterson, New Jersey
"	25 Raymond Stuart	22	Acton, Mass.
	Grace E. Chickering	20	Acton, Mass.
September	8 James F. Annis	66	Oak Bluffs
	Rose A. Taylor	39	Oak Bluffs
"	12 Robert Jamieson Leslie	33	Nova Scotia
	Martha Ann Williams	29	Louisville, Kentucky
October	15 John R. Mills	21	Oak Bluffs
	Eunice H. Mello	20	New Bedford, Mass.
"	15 Arthur Herbert Logan	28	Chilmark, Mass.
	Mary Ann McGahan	30	Upper Montclair, New Jersey
November	19 Amedeo H. Ruffini	24	Oak Bluffs
	Lucy N. Rose	20	Oak Bluffs

DEATHS

DATE		NAME	AGE			CAUSE
			Y	M	D	
January	10	Clarence A. Briggs	56	4	19	Angina Pectoris
"	18	Elbina B. Noyes	65	5	18	Lobar Pneumonia
February	2	Mary Bockert	53	3	1	Carcinoma of Bladder
"	7	William Donald	75	8	3	Chronic Nephritis
"	9	Michael Leahy	75			Chronic Nephritis
"	24	Emerline S. Haskins	76	2	11	Chronic Heart Disease
"	28	Joseph O. Perry	77	23		Arterio-Sclerosis
March	3	Stillborn				
"	13	Charles F. Wright	73			Angina Pectoris
"	16	Flora E. Ripley	76	2	5	Arterio-Sclerosis
"	17	William H. Silvia, Jr.	5	6	12	Convulsions
"	19	Edward J. Lewis	62	7	16	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	21	Antone D. Silvia	62	7	11	Cerebral Hemorrhage
April	7	John Veira	63			Valvular Disease of the Heart
"	7	Mary Jane Luce	84			Arterio-Sclerosis
June	3	Stillborn				
"	7	Talbor McIntyre	68			Chronic Myocarditis
"	26	Delia O'Grady	55			Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	27	Augustus Combra	73	8	13	Carcinoma of Colon
July	5	Stillborn				
"	11	Stillborn				
"	?	Stillborn				
"	19	Evelyn G. BenDavid	20	9	8	Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	21	Nellie B. Griffin	54			Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	26	Lorena Howes			3	Concussion of Brain
August	3	Blanche H. Belain	25	6	19	Septicæmia
"	7	Edith H. Mierson	45	7	24	Drowning (accidental)
"	26	Clementine Smalley	21	15		Carcinoma of Cervix
"	27	Sara D. Webb	6	7	2	Spinal Meningitis
September	3	Robert E. Pachico	5	1	2	Burn of Body (accidental)
"	20	Benton W. Blankenship	69	3	10	Fracture of Skull
October	4	Julia A. Briggs	84	3	8	Arterio-Sclerosis
"	5	Elizabeth T. VanDeursen	61	11	4	Angina Pectoris
"	10	Nellie S. Dessau	54			Lobar Pneumonia
"	13	Frank Bernard	48		4	Diabetes Mellitus
"	15	Joseph C. Perry	53	3	17	Arterio-Sclerosis
"	21	Manuel J. Nunes	88	11	20	Chronic Heart Disease
"	24	Emeline G. Ripley	79	3	20	Fracture of Hip
November	17	Clarissa G. Smith	78	4	4	Arterio-Sclerosis
"	20	Elisha F. Studley	76	6	1	Arterio-Sclerosis
December	1	Frederick L. Weeks	66	9	22	Arterio-Sclerosis

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

The following are statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths recorded during the year 1928:

Births:

Males	24
Females	28
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Total	52

Marriages:

Total	19
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Deaths:

Resident	24
Non-Resident	17
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Total	41

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT FOR 1928

94 Males at \$2.00	\$188.00	
17 Females at \$5.00	85.00	
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Total		\$273.00
111 Clerk's fees at .20	\$ 22.20	
Paid to County Treasurer	251.80	
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Total		\$273.00

JOHN MILLER,
Town Clerk.

Report of Library Trustees

The Library Trustees wish to report a successful year with increased circulation and find the facilities of our reading room are well patronized, especially by children of school age.

We wish to thank all who have contributed either magazines or books and invite all who have not visited our Library to do so as we have endeavored to purchase new books of interest to readers of all ages.

The Trustees wish to thank our courteous and efficient Librarian for her fine work and interest through the year.

WALTER C. RIPLEY,

ELIZABETH RICE,

HERBERT A. EDDY,

Library Trustees.

Report of the Public Librarian

To the Board of Trustees:

Gentlemen:

The record of the number of books circulated shows a total of 10,097 volumes exclusive of 2 cents circulation which remains popular and our funds have indicated an increase in interest.

The division of the 10,097 is as follows:

Fiction—Adult	6,901
Non-fiction—Adult	899
Fiction—Juvenile	1,979
Non-fiction—Juvenile	318
Magazines Circulated	1,093

Friends have donated a large number of books and magazines.

We have given 56 books to Gay Head and magazines to Seamen's Bethel, Vineyard Haven.

We borrow frequently (on request) from Boston and New Bedford libraries and this fall received from State House, Boston, some very good non-fiction free to all.

The interest maintained is most gratifying and it is with considerable satisfaction that several new clients are noted.

Work with the students continues actively as formerly. Our dictionary and encyclopedias are frequently in use.

To you—the Trustees—I express my appreciation of your loyal support and to you—our clients and friends who in any way have made our library more useful and have contributed as well to the public's enjoyment—sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Mabel A. Mayhew,

Librarian.

Auditor's Report

To the Board of Selectmen,

Mr. Manuel S. DeBettencourt, Chairman,

Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1928, made in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston, Mass.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1928, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions of the town, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town, were examined and checked with the books and records in the town accountant's office.

The books and accounts of the treasurers were examined and checked, the recorded receipts being compared with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were checked with the warrants authorizing the treasurers to disburse town funds and with the accountant's books. The cash balance was verified by an actual count and by a reconciliation with a statement furnished by the bank. During the year a change was made in the office of treasurer and considerable difficulty was experienced in reconciling the cash as of December 31, 1928, due to a variation existing on the date of the turnover to the present treasurer, there being no memoranda on file indicating the method employed in establishing the balance on that date.

The payments on account of maturing debt was checked with the cancelled securities on file.

The petty cash advance made to the library department was examined and reconciled with the cash on hand.

The savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and checked with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

Tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash and the condition of the several trust funds are appended to this report.

The books and accounts in the accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The records of receipts were checked with the departmental reports and with the treasurer's books, and the recorded disbursements were checked with the warrants and with the records of payments in the treasurer's office.

In examining the original vouchers on file, it was noted that several vouchers were not sufficiently itemized, on expense vouchers there being no detail of the expense incurred, and on vouchers for personal services there being no dates indicating the period for which services were rendered. It was also noted that payments have been made on statements of amounts due. It is recommended that all vouchers be itemized in detail, so that proper classification of disbursements may be made and so that the possibility of making duplicate payments may be avoided.

In examining the warrants in the treasurer's office it was noted that, during the absence of the accountant, the treasurer signed warrants as "assistant accounting officer" authorizing the disbursement of town funds, and upon inquiry it was found that this arrangement was made between the accountant and the treasurer. This assumption of the accountant's duties on the part of the treasurer is contrary to Section 55, Chapter 41, General Laws, which reads in part as follows:

The town accountant shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties, shall hold no other town office involving the receipt or disbursement of money, and shall hold office for three years and until his successor is qualified; provided, that the town clerk, if he holds no other office involving the receipt or disbursement of money, may be appointed town accountant.

It is recommended that, in the future, should the accountant be incapacitated, an acting accountant be appointed by the selectmen in accordance with Chapter 207, Acts of 1928, which reads as follows:

In case of the incapacity of a city auditor or city treasurer or town treasurer or town accountant or of the auditor in a town having only one, the mayor or selectmen shall appoint a temporary auditor, treasurer or accountant, as the case may be, to serve until the incapacitated officer returns to his duties or his successor is appointed or elected and the temporary officer so appointed shall during such time exercise all the powers and perform all the duties of the incapacitated officer.

The appropriation accounts were examined and checked with the town clerk's records of appropriations voted in town meetings.

The transfers from the reserve fund were verified with the records of the finance committee.

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, a trial balance taken off, proving the ledger to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1928.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked in detail and the cash on hand was verified by an actual count. The commitment for the levy of 1928 was analyzed and verified with the warrants issued for its collection. The recorded collections for the levies of 1925, 1926, 1927, and 1928 were checked with the treasurer's cash and the accountant's books, the abatements were verified by a comparison with the records of abatements granted by the assessors, and the outstanding accounts were listed and verified by a comparison and reconciliation with the books of the accountant. A further verification of the outstanding accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts as listed are correct.

The tax titles held by the town were examined and the accountant's books were adjusted to agree with the outstanding list. It is recommended that all tax titles be foreclosed at the expiration of two years from the date of purchase or taking; in accordance with the provisions of Section 50, Chapter 60, General Laws, as amended, which reads, in part, as follows:

The town treasurer at the expiration of two years from the date of any purchase or taking, shall institute proceedings for foreclosure.

The accountants receivable of the several departments, namely, town hall, highway, health, and public welfare, were examined and checked. The recorded payments were compared with the treasurer's records and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's books.

The town clerk's records of licenses issued for dogs and for hunting and fishing were examined, and the payments to the county and the State, respectively, were verified with the receipts and cancelled checks on file. It was found that the cash on hand applicable to hunting and fishing licenses was deposited in the town clerk's personal bank account, which practice should be discontinued.

The financial reports of the selectmen, scaler of weights and measures, tennis courts, schools, library, and cemeteries were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurers being verified by a comparison with the treasurer's books.

The surety bonds given by the treasurer and the tax collector for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form. The bond of the town clerk was found to be in the form of a continuation certificate, and it is therefore recommended that a new bond be filed each year, similar in form to that of the treasurer.

In addition to the tables previously mentioned, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the tax accounts and the departmental receipts.

For the courtesies extended and the co-operation received from the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,

Chief Accountant.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1928	\$ 20,319.69
Receipts	196,726.79
	<hr/> \$217,046.48
Payments	\$ 201,807.38

Balance December 31, 1928:

Martha's Vineyard National Bank	\$ 15,097.48	
Cash in office, verified	140.72	
Cash variation	.90	
	<u> </u>	\$ 15,239.10
		<u> </u>
		\$217,046.48

Martha's Vineyard National Bank

Balance December 31, 1928, per statement,	\$ 19,688.69	
Deposit in transit, Decem- ber 31, 1928,	13.80	
	<u> </u>	\$19,702.49

Balance December 31, 1928 per check book	\$ 15,097.48	
Outstanding checks, December 31, 1928, per list	4,605.01	
	<u> </u>	\$19,702.49

TAXES—1925

Outstanding January 1, 1928, per ledger,	\$ 12.00	
Payments to treasurer	\$ 12.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 24.00

TAXES—1926

Outstanding January 1, 1928,	
per ledger,	\$ 188.97

Adjustments:

Overpayments, previous audit,		
not refunded,	\$.50	
Erroneous abatement,	3.00	
Overabatement,	.90	
	<u> </u>	\$ 4.40
		<u> </u>
		\$ 193.37

Payments to treasurer	\$ 126.47	
Abatements	61.65	
Added to tax titles	5.25	
	<u> </u>	\$ 193.37

TAXES—1927

Outstanding January 1, 1928,	
per ledger,	\$ 16,249.87

Abatement after payment, previous	
audit, not refunded	29.70
Abatement after payment,	
not refunded,	2.47
Abatement after payment, refunded	10.72
Overpayment, previous audit,	
adjusted	.22
Overpayment to treasurer	8.37
	<u> </u>
	\$ 16,301.35

Payments to treasurer	\$ 15,245.62
Abatements	472.33
Added to tax titles	4.12
Tax Titles taken by town	99.33
Outstanding December 31, 1928, per list,	479.95
	<hr/> \$ 16,301.35

TAXES—1928

Commitment per warrant	\$ 120,321.83
Additional commitment, per warrant	327.62
Commitment list in excess of warrant, adjusted,	10.02
	<hr/> \$120,659.47
Abatement after payment, refunded	71.30
	<hr/> \$120,730.77
Payments to treasurer	\$ 100,364.93
Abatements, per ledger	986.98
Abatement not previous re- ported (adjusted)	1.73
Outstanding, December 31, 1928, per list,	17,792.58
Cash on hand, December 31, 1928, verified,	1,582.56
Due from collector, December 31, 1928,	1.99
	<hr/> \$120,730.77

TAX TITLES

On hand January 1, 1928	\$ 2,247.73	
Tax Sales: Levy of 1927	99.33	
Interest, costs, etc.,	38.50	
Added to tax titles:		
Levy of 1926	\$ 5.25	
Levy of 1927	4.12	
	<u>9.37</u>	
Additional interest, redemption of tax titles, credited in error, adjusted,	1.17	
	<u>\$ 2,396.10</u>	
Tax titles redeemed	\$ 43.77	
On hand December 31, 1928	2,352.33	
	<u>\$ 2,396.10</u>	

INTEREST ON DEFERRED TAXES

Collections:

Levy of 1926	\$ 2.94	
Levy of 1927	482.78	
Levy of 1928	39.67	
	<u>\$ 525.39</u>	
Payments to treasurer	\$ 512.79	
Cash on hand, December, 31, 1928 verified	12.52	
Due from collector, Decem- ber 31, 1928	.08	
	<u>\$ 525.39</u>	

COLLECTOR'S COSTS

Collections:

Levy of 1926	\$ 8.55	
Levy of 1927	26.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 34.80
Payments to treasurer	34.80	
	<hr/>	\$ 34.80

TOWN HALL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Commitments	\$ 75.00
Payments	\$ 75.00
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	\$ 75.00

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Commitments	\$ 342.52
Payments to treasurer	\$ 342.52
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	\$ 342.52

HEALTH ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding, January 1, 1928,		
per ledger,	\$ 263.38	
Commitments	418.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 681.94
Payments to treasurer	\$ 176.43	
Abatements	189.08	
Outstanding December 31, 1928,		
per list,	316.43	
	<hr/>	\$ 681.94

PUBLIC WELFARE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding, January 1, 1928,		
per ledger,	\$ 858.00	
Commitments	2,662.33	
	<u> </u>	\$ 3,520.33

Payments to treasurer	\$ 1,870.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1928,		
per list,	1,650.33	
	<u> </u>	\$ 3,520.33

DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued:		
94 @ \$ 2.00	\$ 188.00	
17 @ \$ 5.00	85.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 273.00

Payments to county treasurer per		
cancelled checks on file:		
June 8, 1928	\$ 124.20	
December 1, 1928	126.60	
	<u> </u>	\$ 250.80

Town clerk's fees:		
111 @ 20c	22.20	
	<u> </u>	\$ 273.00

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Due Department of Conservation	
January 1, 1928	\$ 2.50

Licenses issued:	
6 @ \$ 5.25	\$ 31.50
154 @ \$ 2.25	346.50
2 @ 1.00	2.00

1 @ .75	.75		
5 @ .50	2.50		
		<hr/>	\$ 383.25
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			\$ 385.75

Payments to Department of Conservation:

Per receipts on file,	\$ 133.20	
Per cancelled checks on file	174.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 307.70

Town Clerk's fees:

161 @ .25	\$ 40.25	
2 @ .15	.30	
	<hr/>	\$ 40.55
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		\$ 348.25

Due Department of Conservation December 31, 1928	37.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 385.75

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Due from Selectmen, January 1, 1928	\$ 4.00
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Licenses issued:

Shellfish,	\$ 30.00
Junk	50.00
Used car dealer	10.00

Druggist, third class	1.00	
Garage registration	1.50	
Billiard and pool	5.00	
Intelligence office	4.00	
Manicure	3.00	
Checking	5.00	
Eel pot	6.00	
Auctioneer	4.00	
Innholder	44.00	
Common victualler	28.00	
Sunday	90.00	
Taxi	52.00	
Baggage	6.00	
Transient vendor	500.00	
Common carrier	4.00	
Bus	6.00	
Theatre	150.00	
Flying horses	10.00	
Skating rink	25.00	
Shooting gallery	5.00	
Bowling alley	16.00	
Dance hall,	50.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,109.50
Payments to treasurer	\$1,109.50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,109.50

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Due from Sealer January 1, 1928	\$.33	
Fees for sealing	\$ 36.55	
Overpayment to treasurer, refunded	.60	
	<u> </u>	\$ 37.15
		<u> </u> \$ 37.48

Payments to treasurer	\$ 37.15	
Due from sealer, December 31, 1928	.33	
	<u> </u>	\$ 37.48

TENNIS COURTS

Rentals	\$ 523.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 523.00
Payments to treasurer	\$ 523.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 523.00

SCHOOLS

Receipts, Domestic Science Course	\$ 44.24	
	<u> </u>	\$ 44.24
Payments to treasurer	\$ 43.74	
Due from superintendent, December 31, 1928	.50	
	<u> </u>	\$ 44.24

LIBRARY

Overpayment / 1926, not refunded	\$ 1.00	
Payment 1926, to be reimbursed from petty cash fund	.98	
Fines and fees	390.83	
	<u> </u>	\$ 392.81

Payments for treasurer	\$ 374.94	
Due Librarian	1.00	
Due from petty cash fund	.98	
*Due from Librarian		
December 31, 1928	15.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 392.81

*(Paid treasurer January 1, 1928, per receipt on file)

CEMETERIES

Receipts:

Sales	\$ 90.00	
Burial fees	96.00	
Care	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 196.00

Payments to treasurer	\$ 196.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 196.00

PERPETUAL CARE BEQUESTS

Deposits	\$300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300.00
Payments to treasurer, deposited in cemetery perpetual care fund	\$ 300.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 300.00

REBECCA CLARK PUBLIC WELFARE FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928		\$1,275.61	\$1,275.61
On hand at end of year 1928		\$1,275.61	\$1,275.61
	Receipts	Payments	
Income:		Transferred to town	\$ 90.04
1927	\$ 28.80		
1928	61.24		
	<u>\$ 90.04</u>		<u>\$ 90.04</u>

ANNA K. BARBEY PUBLIC WELFARE FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928		\$5,430.15	\$5,430.15
On hand at end of year 1928		\$5,430.15	\$5,430.15
	Receipts	Payments	
Income	\$ 260.98	Transferred	
	<u> </u>	to town	<u>\$260.98</u>
	<u>\$ 260.98</u>		<u>\$ 260.98</u>

ICHABOD NORTON PUBLIC WELFARE FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$ 947.17	\$ 947.17
On hand at end of year 1928	\$ 947.17	\$ 947.17

	Receipts	Payments	
Income	\$ 45.51	Transferred	
	_____	to town	\$ 45.51
	_____		_____
	\$ 45.51		\$ 45.51

ANNA K. BARBEY SCHOOL FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928	\$11,108.13	\$11,108.13
On hand at end of year 1928	\$11,556.89	\$11,556.89

	Receipts	Payments	
Income	\$ 448.76	Added to	
	_____	savings deposits	\$448.76
	_____		_____
	\$ 448.76		\$448.76

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928		\$3,114.93	\$3,114.93
On hand at end of year 1928		\$3,551.66	\$3,551.66
	Receipts	Payments	
Income	\$136.73	Added to	
Bequests	300.00	savings deposits	\$436.73
	<u>\$ 436.73</u>		<u>\$ 436.73</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Old Family Burying Ground

		Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1928		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
On hand at end of year 1928		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Receipts	Payments	
Income	\$ 20.00	Transferred to town	
		fore care of lot	\$20.00
	<u>\$ 20.00</u>		<u>\$20.00</u>

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1928

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In Bank and Office	\$15,239.10	
Library—Petty Cash	15.00	
	<hr/>	15,254.10

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1927	\$ 439.41	
Levy of 1928	19,377.13	
	<hr/>	19,816.54

Departmental:

Health	\$ 316.43	
Public Welfare	1,650.33	
Commonwealth of Mass.— Soldiers' Burials	100.00	
	<hr/>	2,066.76

Tax Titles held by Town	2,352.33
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Overlay Deficit:

Levy of 1927 (to be provided for in 1929)	218.57
Overdrawn Account (to be appropriated):	
Repairs to Concrete Roads	283.26
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	<u>\$39,991.56</u>

 LIABILITIES

Waler C. Ripley, Treasurer	\$2.50
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Unexpended Balances:

County Road Construction	\$856.63
Road Machinery	924.00
Rebuilding New York and Lake Avenues	75.55
Dredging Lake Anthony	5,000.00
Committee on Additional Facilities, School	1,000.00
Cement Wall and Improvement, Waterfront	.02
Taking Two Lots, North Bluffs	956.62
Land Taking between Bath House and Steamboat Wharf	8,977.75
Plans of Town	724.30
War Memorial	700.00
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	19,214.87

Library—Petty Cash	15.00
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Revenue, Reserved until Collected:

Tax Titles	\$2,352.33	
Departmental	2,066.76	
	<hr/>	4,419.09

Overlay, Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1928	1,161.65
Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus	307.53
Surplus Revenue	14,870.92
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	<u>\$39,991.56</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$50,750.00
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	\$50,750.00
Sea View Avenue Loan	\$ 2,200.00
Bulkhead on Waterfront Loan	13,300.00
New York Avenue Loan	11,400.00
Cement Wall and Improvement, Waterfront, Loan	23,850.00
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	\$50,750.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds—Cash and Securities	\$23,261.48
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\$23,261.48

Anna K. Barbey, Public Welfare Fund	\$5,430.15
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Rebecca Clark, Public Welfare Fund	1,275.61
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Ichabod Norton, Public Welfare Fund	947.17
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7,652.93

Anna K. Barbey, School Fund	11,556.89
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Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	4,051.66
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\$23,261.48

Report of Finance Committee

Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee for the year 1929.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$ 15.00
Selectmen, salaries	\$ 600.00	
Expenses	300.00	
	<hr/>	900.00
Accountant, salary	\$ 1,700.00	
Expenses	50.00	
	<hr/>	1,750.00
Treasurer, salary	\$ 400.00	
Expenses	150.00	
	<hr/>	550.00
Collector of Taxes, salary	750.00	
Expenses	365.00	
	<hr/>	1,115.00

Assessors, salaries	\$ 600.00	
Expenses	250.00	
	<hr/>	850.00
Town Counsel, services	\$ 75.00	
Expenses	25.00	
	<hr/>	100.00
Town Clerk, salary	\$ 300.00	
Expenses	400.00	
	<hr/>	700.00
Board of Registrars, salaries	\$ 300.00	
Expenses	250.00	
	<hr/>	550.00
Town Building, incidental repairs and up-keep		100.00
Rent of Hall, for Town Meeting purposes		300.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Chief of Police, salary	\$ 1,500.00	
Night Watch, salary	1,460.00	
Patrolmen, salaries	1,200.00	
Expenses	255.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,415.00

Fire Department:.

Board of Engineers, salaries	\$ 50.00	
Chief of Engineers, salary	50.00	
Firemen Salaries	800.00	
Supt. of Alarm and care of Batteries	200.00	
Contigent expenses	1,500.00	
Hydrant rental	2,905.00	
Fire Freeze equipment	175.00	
Fire Lines, including a box at Hospital	450.00	
New D-J hose	2,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8,630.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sealer, salary	\$ 100.00	
Expenses	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 200.00

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

Moth Extermination	\$ 600.00	
Tree Warden, salary	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 625.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, salaries•	\$ 75.00	
Board of Health, Agent, salary	150.00	
Expenses	1,300.00	
Collection of Swill, Garbage and Rubbish	2,700.00	
Care of Dumps	600.00	
Public Sanitaries	800.00	
Cleaning catch basins	250.00	
Sweeping streets	900.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, salary	75.00	
Inspector of Animals, salary	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,900.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Repairs to concrete roads	\$ 4,000.00	
Repairs to dirt roads	3,400.00	
Lagoon Road	2,500.00	
Bulkhead and Bridges	1,000.00	
Snow Removal	500.00	
Power grader	3,200.00	
7 Ton Roller	3,000.00	
Repairs to cement sidewalk	200.00	
	<hr/>	\$17,800.00
Street lighting		\$ 10,000.00

Harbor Master, salary	\$ 100.00	
Expenses	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 150.00

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Dependent persons	\$ 10,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	48.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

School Department:

School Committee, salaries	\$ 150.00	
School Committee Secretary, salary	100.00	
School Superintendent, salary	875.00	
School Physician, salary	100.00	
School Nurse, salary	650.00	
Teachers and Janitor, salaries	19,000.00	
General Expenses	6,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 26,875.00

Library Department:

Public Library	\$ 1,200.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,200.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Park Department:

Public Parks	\$ 4,500.00
Maintenance of tennis courts	800.00

New steps on waterfront	500.00	
Seats on waterfront	250.00	
Sunset Lake	500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,550.00

Unclassified:

Town Reports		\$ 300.00
Memorial Day		50.00
Advertising		500.00
Amusements		2,500.00
Planning Board, Expenses		25.00
Reserve Fund		1,000.00
Overlay Deficit, 1927		218.57
Overdrawn Account, Highway Dept.		283.26
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CEMETERIES

Chairman of Board, salary	\$ 75.00	
Care of Cemetery	1,200.00	
Repairs to Tomb	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,425.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest	\$ 3,500.00	
Maturing Debt	10,550.00	
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Total		\$ 120,674.83

The Committee also recommend :

That the Town use a more easily accessible place for Town Meetings and elections.

That larger lights be placed at the junctions of Samoset and Grove Aves., Circuit, Samoset and Narragansett Avenues, Circuit and Penacook Avenues, Circuit, Tucker-nuck and Wamsutta Avenues.

That a committee of five be appointed by the Town to look into the Water System situation, that said Committee be authorized to secure the services of an engineer of the Department of Public Utilities for a survey, and that the Committee report their findings to the Town at some meeting to be called not later than October 1, 1929.

CARROLL J. DARLING,
Chairman, Finance Committee.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Dukes County, SS.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs,

Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote in town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Columbus Club, Wamsutta avenue, in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, February 12th, 1929, at Nine O'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles :

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named officers :

A Selectman and Member of Board of Public Welfare,
for three years.

A Town Clerk, for one year.

A Treasurer, for one year.

A Collector of Taxes, for one year.

. A Park Commissioner, for three years.

A Park Commissioner, for two years (to fill vacancy).

A Member of the School Committee, for three years.

A Member of the Cemetery Committee, for three years.

A Member of the Planning Board, for five years.

A Chief of Police, for one year.

A Night Watchman, for one year.

Two Constables, for one year.

A Tree Warden, for one year.

The Polls for the reception of votes on the aforesaid officers will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, February 13th, 1929, and will close at two o'clock in the afternoon unless a later hour be determined at said meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To hear the reports of the Selectmen and other boards and committees.

Article 5. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of town debts and necessary expenses of the several departments for the current year, and hear the report and recommendations of the finance committee.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the assessors to remit all taxes as can not, in their judgment, be collected.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1930, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1930, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1930.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to accept that portion of Uncas Avenue lying between Circuit Avenue and Naushon Park, as laid out by the selectmen.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer the balance of \$856.63 in account of County Road Construction and set up the same to an account of County Road Repairs.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 now standing to account of Committee on additional School Facilities to the account of General School Expenses.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to transfer the balance of \$8,977.75 in account of Taking of Land on the Waterfront between the bath houses and the Steamboat Wharf, same to be applied to Land Damage Judgment, Vineyard Grove Company vs. Town.

Article 15. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to petition the Legislature for authority to borrow a sum of money to meet the judgment against the town for land taken for Public Park purposes.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to purchase two (2) new Pumpers for the Fire Department, and to raise and appropriate the amount of money necessary for said purchase.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to instruct the assessors to use free cash in the treasury when determining the tax rate for the current year.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be posted in three public places in the town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place specified.

Given under our hands this Second day of February, A. D. 1929.

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,

NORMAN L. PRATT,

Selectmen of Oak Bluffs.

Pursuant to the above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in this warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

A true copy,

Attest:

HARRY T. WEBB, Constable.

Oak Bluffs, Mass., February 2, 1929.

ANNUAL



SCHOOL REPORT

1928



Report of School Committee

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 7, 1929.

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

Dear Sirs and Fellow Citizens:

"Time Flies" and the year's work for your schools has been conscientiously performed by your Committee and teachers. We were very fortunate in being able to retain the entire 1927 and 1928 faculty for this year, the only change being the addition of a new member to this list, Miss Belle Hayden, who serves as an assistant in the First Grade. Owing to the unexpected large number entering this grade last September, (over fifty little ones) your committee was unable to place all in the new building owing to its incapacity for space sufficient to take care of so many in addition to the first and second grades already accommodated there, but it was finally decided to take the building built a few years ago by the boys under Mr. Sharpe's supervision. Miss Veeder was using this room for her 7th grade students. It was finally decided to place the 7th grade back into Mr. Dorr's room and put the man-

ual training room in suitable condition to accommodate this large increase in number of pupils and use it in connection with the first grade room. The entrance door to the Manual Training room was on the end of the building in a most exposed and dangerous position for use by such small children. This door was removed and placed in the side of the building and several new windows were installed, making the room light and sunny. The interior was improved, the sides sheathed and the upper part was shut off to make the room warm. The room was then equipped with a new desk for the teacher and chairs and desks for the children and closets for supplies. Blackboards were placed along the wall and everything was made as comfortable as possible for the pupils. Should the enrollment next Fall increase in proportion to that of last September another section will have to be added to this group of buildings. The idea of moving this new school room and connecting it with the new building was discussed by the Committee and it is possible that it may be done and thereby make a saving by heating the room with the furnace already in the new building, instead of a stove as a present.

In the Main Building changes have been made so that grades 3—4—5 and 6 are located on the first floor and grades 7 and 8 and the High School on the second floor. Miss Arenovski uses the room on the third floor for the recitations of the High School students who study the following subjects: Freshman Ancient History, Modern European History, American History, Civil Government and Latin.

Our Principal, Bert L. Merrill, is a conscientious worker and has done much to bring the schools to the high standard of efficiency which they now hold. He has been ably assisted by the teachers and we have reason to feel proud of our schools, teachers and especially of the attitude of the students of the High School, where the number of students is now 42, with 20 taking the Commercial Course and 22 the College Preparatory Course. Several have inquired as to what was being taught in the High School and the following may be of interest. Among the studies taught in the High School are:

Four years High School English; First Year Algebra; Advanced Algebra; Plain Geometry; Four years of Latin, by Miss Arenovski; Three Years of French, by Mr. Merrill; General Science, by Mr. Merrill; Biology in alternate years, (this year General Science); Physics and Chemistry (alternating); Three Years History; One year of Ancient and Modern History; One Year American and Civil Government, as required in the Commercial Course and the College Preparatory Course.

The Commercial Course includes the following:

Freshman Year—Commercial Arithmetic, Stenography, Typewriting, Secretarial Studies, Bookkeeping.

For the benefit of those who wish to know, the Oak Bluffs High School is a "*Class A Accredited School*". The College Preparatory Course makes it possible for students who *master the work* offered in this Course to enter college *without making further preparation*, as it is based

on the College Entrance Requirements. Being a "*Class A Accredited School*", it entitles the graduates from this school to enter Normal Schools without an examination.

It is expected that within a short time it will be placed on the approved list for colleges. At present, the students who complete the College Preparatory Course are admitted to colleges and universities upon passing the required examination.

In connection with the studies of the High School, the Palmer Method Penmanship, as taught by Miss Hurd (who is a professional expert with the pen) has been faithfully practiced by the students, and about three hundred bronze medals have been received by the students under her instruction. High School English is one of her subjects and a Literary Society has been organized in the High School with a corps of officers and the business of the Society conducted according to the parliamentary law. They prepare and carry out programs on national holidays, such as Washington's Birthday, and other special occasions. This is in connection with the High School English Course, taught by Miss Hurd. The school magazine, "The Echo", recently published as a Christmas number, was the work of the Literary Society with Miss Hurd's assistance. The sale of "The Echo", is for the benefit of the Washington Educational Trip by the graduates of the High School this year.

The Seniors, with Miss Hurd's assistance as instructor and prompter, are preparing a three act play entitled "Smile Rodney Smile", to be given as a "Benefit" for the Washington Trip, on Tuesday, February 7th.

A school library has been started with Miss Hurd as Librarian, with educational sets, as the World's Best Literature, 30 volumes; Winston's Encyclopedia, The Americana, 30 volumes. There is some fiction of a high class and a table of magazines, from which articles and stories are read and enjoyed by the students.

A Story of Our Commercial Department.

The Commercial Department has advanced rapidly under the instruction of Mrs. Mary C. DeBettencourt, a graduate of Bay Path Institute, who has had charge of this department for the past eight years. In September, 1921, when Mrs. DeBettencourt took over the work of this department there were only three typewriters, but, now, the department has grown to such an extent that the present number, which is eleven, does not fully meet the demand. In the present Senior Class, the six Commercial pupils, Misses Hazel Silvia, Jean McBride, Elizabeth Madeiras, Libby Burgess, Alice House and Bertha Noyes, have, (up to present time) won a total of seventy-two awards from the different typewriter companies. A number of the awards won, are rarely won by High School pupils. An "Elimination Contest" was held in the spring between Oak Bluffs and Tisbury. The Oak Bluffs pupils won first and second places, obtaining the silver cup. Miss Hazel Silvia won eighth place in the State Contest from a group of one hundred thirty-five contestants. The Typewriting 1 Class earned a set of "Rhythm Records" by the sale of candy at the moving pictures. They will present them to the school for use in future typewriting classes, after the completion of their course.

The other subjects taught in the Commercial Course, that enable a student to obtain a secretarial or stenographic position, are: Commercial Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Secretarial Studies, Commercial Law and Geography.

Secretarial Studies teaches a pupil a knowledge of the principles in actual business, such as filing and the use of office appliances. Many of our graduates are now employed in responsible positions, such as banks and business offices.

You are referred to the Reports of the Superintendent, Principal and Special teachers for further information in regard to the school work.

Your Committee thank the Selectmen and Citizens of the Town for their co-operation with the Committee for the welfare of our schools and for the whole-heartedness with which they have provided the appropriations for the needs of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN,
MINNIE E. VINCENT,
ETHEL L. BARNEY,

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit my annual report as superintendent of schools, together with the reports of the principal, nurse, and special teacher's to which I refer you for details of work done during the past year. The condensed tables at the end of **this** report give many facts that are useful for comparison or reference.

Aims and Objectives

Some time ago a committee of educators formulated the following comprehensive objectives of education which we in our schools are having in view in our teaching:

1. *Character*: including love of God, service, courage, loyalty, kindness, self-reliance, honesty and thrift.

2. *Health*:

(a) Physical health habits, such as cleanliness, food, sleep, exercise, proper use of eyes, appropriate clothing, and the annual physical examination.

- (b) Mental health habits including cheerfulness, facing difficulties with courage and a right spirit, and clean thinking.

3. *Command of the Fundamental Processes*: i. e., reading, penmanship, fundamentals of arithmetic, elements of oral expression, elements of written expression.

4. *Worthy Home Membership* which includes a sense of individual responsibility and co-operation in the home, a sense of the home's responsibility for the public welfare, elements of home economics, and elementary training in manual activity so that pupils may handle the simple tools.

5. *Citizenship*: i. e., patriotism, obedience to law and constituted authority; sense of debt to others who have achieved in our and other countries in the past and who are achieving in the present; service, keen sense of personal responsibility to community and country; co-operation and tolerance.

6. *Vocation*: i. e., vocational guidance, elementary training for specific vocation, development of an appreciation of the dignity of honest workers and society.

7. *Worthy Use of Leisure*: through play and physical exercise, appreciation of the fine arts as literature, drama, music, drawing and painting, and enjoyment from reading in a variety of fields.

The last objective mentioned is one that many have not thought of—Worthy Use of Leisure Time, and with the use of modern machinery and labor saving devices, the

hours of labor are being gradually decreased so that the individual has more time for leisure. Unless the youth is properly engaged in work or recreation during these leisure hours he is likely to get into mischief. Many of the crimes of youth that fill the columns of our newspapers can be traced to the improper use of leisure. One of the many ways of using leisure is in the playing of games and other physical activities.

This year, more than ever, we are stressing physical education thru games and sports, and it would seem to me that the time is at hand when the towns of the Island should unite in employing a director of physical education. Many of our neighboring towns have tried this out for several years and report favorable results.

"Increased Cost of Public Schools"

(Annual Report State Department of Education)

"There has been a steady increase in the cost of operating the public schools during the past forty years. This increased cost has been marked since 1912. The decreased purchasing power of the dollar and the increase in enrolment have been the chief causes. There are eight major items in the budget covering the operating costs of schools. It is interesting to note that the increased costs have affected all items in approximately the same ratio. Salaries have increased materially but so have the costs of fuel, supplies, transportation, and material and labor for repairs. The following chart illustrates this point.

Chart I: The School Budget in Massachusetts

Major Items	Per Cent	
	1897	1927
Teacher's salaries	71.4	69.0
Operation of plant	9.3	11.0
Repairs	5.6	5.7
Textbooks and supplies	6.1	4.9
Transportation	1.1	2.5
General Control	3.4	3.6
Miscellaneous	3.1	1.8
Health	—	1.5

The increase in enrolment has had a marked effect on the total cost of education. This is particularly true in the high schools. There are now more pupils in the high schools of Boston alone than there were fifty years ago in all the high schools of the State. The increase in enrolment in Massachusetts public schools is now at the rate of 8,000 pupils per year.

The increased enrolment is shown in the chart which follows:

Chart II. Increase in School Enrolment

1875—1927

Year	Elementary	High	Total
1875	289,950	15,826	305,776
1900	434,299	40,592	474,891
1925	586,779	127,147	713,926
1927	595,645	133,884	729,529

Per cent increase 1875 to 1927: Total, 138; Elementary, 195, High, 746.

The expansion of the curriculum is shown by the fact that in 1875 but four subjects were required by law to be taught in the elementary schools. During the period ending in 1925, the number had increased to eighteen."

It may be of interest to the citizens of Dukes County to compare costs of fifty years ago with present costs so I am making quotations from a town report of 1875 for the town of Tisbury which was recently given me. The school Committee was David Mayhew, J. H. Lambert and William Cottle and they received as salary \$25 each. The appropriation for 1874 was \$2,000, and there were 297 pupils enrolled—two men and eleven women teachers were employed, the men receiving \$50.42 per month and the women \$25.83 per month. There were 7 school houses in use. Willie Swift was paid \$1.50 for care of "Neck" school room. The yearly cost of care of Vineyard Haven school rooms was \$18, paid to Melville Conroy. The total expenses for books were \$38.60, the pupils at that time buying their own books and supplies.

The public is now generally alive to the need of education where formerly this alertness lay only with school officials. Education has become a co-operative enterprise—a desire on the part of the public that adequate support be available for the schools; a concern on the part of school executives that the budget be the minimum that will permit a conservatively progressive program. To go beyond is extravagance; to fall below is expensive.

The following advice given to parents in 1875 is applicable to parents of 1928:

"The parents' work is truly a great work, and their duty to those children whom God has given them is certainly a matter of careful consideration. The halcyon days of childhood should be esteemed by these, their natural guardians, as time most precious. All true parents will rate the time spent in the school-room in acquiring an education of far greater value than gold or silver, only to be purchased by time and application, and which can never be sold. Ay, more durable than the "eternal hills" are those impressions made upon the immortal minds of scholars in their youthful school-days; being not only lasting as time, but enduring as never-ending eternity. Parents should co-operate with teachers and scholars by occasionally spending a portion of time in the school-room, where their children are daily to be found. Then let the children realize that their parents take an interest in their education, and the work of the teacher will be greatly lightened, and the studies of the scholars become far more interesting to the scholars themselves. In such way parents may become socially acquainted with the teachers of their children, and thus will the machinery of our common schools lose much of that friction which is too often suffered to impede its complete work."

OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

As usual the schools have taken part in activities which may be termed extra-curriculum activities. All schools helped in the sale of Christmas Seals and in the filling of Christmas boxes for less fortunate children of foreign lands. Many of the schools helped in the destruc-

tion of tent caterpillar nests and the prizes offered by the garden club were won as follows—first, Chilmark School; second, West Tisbury; third, Edgartown.

4 H Clubs are more popular than ever, this fall showing an increase in enrolment over the past year. I should like to see a 4 H Club leader appointed for the island who would supervise these clubs. This could be done at a small expense as a greater part of the salary of the leader can be obtained from the U. S. Government. I think this is a matter worthy of consideration by the joint school committees of the island. The prize winners in the 4 H Clubs last June were Dorothy Bernard, of Oak Bluffs, Dora Dean, of Chilmark, and Wesley Martin, of Vineyard Haven. These winners were each given a week at Camp Gilbert at M. A. C., with all expenses paid.

The pupils of grades I to VI, inclusive, held their annual field day at Gay Head and West Tisbury in June and the pupils of grades VII and VIII made a pilgrimage to historical Plymouth. Pupils of the Senior classes of the three high schools made trips as follows—Edgartown and Oak Bluffs to Washington and Tisbury to New York and Philadelphia.

I believe all the above activities are truly educational and should be encouraged by parents and citizens generally.

Conclusion

In closing I wish to thank the school committee, teachers, pupils, students and citizens for the co-operation shown during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT W. MARTIN.

Superintendent.

Principal's Report

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to submit my annual report of the Oak Bluffs School for the year ending December 31, 1928.

School opened September 12 with a total enrollment of 324 pupils. The number of pupils in each grade, and in the High School, are as follows:

Grade I 53; Grade II 37; Grade III 32; Grade IV 25;
Grade V 45; Grade VI 39; Grade VII 29; Grade VIII 22;
High School 42.

The average per cent of attendance for the fall term in each grade, and in the High School, is as follows:

Grade I 93; Grade II 95; Grade III 92; Grade IV 94;
Grade V 95; Grade VI 94; Grade VII 96; Grade VIII 96;
High School 96.

Our good record of attendance is partly due to the awarding of certificates, which are given each term to the pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during that time.

Supervised study has been introduced into the seventh and eighth grades and high school this year with apparent success. Under this system the students prepare the most of their studies in school under the supervision of the teachers, thus enabling them to get more personal attention.

The majority of the students in the High School are enjoying their work in the school very much and are making good progress, which is very gratifying to the teachers.

A point system has been introduced in the high school this year and it is stimulating the pupils to greater activities in all phases of school affairs. The students are given points every two months in scholarship, athletics, attendance, contributions to the "Echo", general activities, and, at the end of the school year, in health. Each pupil has been given a little book divided in squares. When a student deserves points in any school subject or activity he goes to the teacher having charge of the same and she puts her initials in the proper square. Every time she writes her initials in the book they count as five points for the student. In June, the points will be added and the Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior having the greatest total number of points will be awarded his or her respective class numerals.

We had a very successful season in basketball last year, the pupils took great interest in the sport. The Senior High School girls won every game they played as did the Junior High School boys. This year the season promises to be just as good, if not better.

In my last report the parents and friends were invited and urged to visit our school. I want to take this opportunity to invite them again this year. By visiting the schools, they will meet the teachers, talk over school problems, and better acquaint themselves with the school.

The teachers have co-operated with me in every respect and I appreciate it. I wish to thank the School Committee and the Superintendent for their hearty support.

Respectfully submitted,

BERT L. MERRILL,

Principal.

Report of Supervisor of Household Arts Department

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my third annual report of the work accomplished and planned for, in the Household Arts Department:

The enrollment and program for this year is as follows:

Fifth Grade: One period of sewing a week—17 girls.

Sixth Grade: One period of sewing a week—20 girls.

Seventh Grade: Five periods of cooking a week for one half year—19 girls.

Seventh Grade: Five periods of sewing a week for one half year—19 girls.

Eighth Grade: Five periods of cooking a week for one half year—14 girls.

Eighth Grade: Five periods of sewing a week for one half year—14 girls.

The fifth grade girls are having sewing for the first time this year. Their work for the most part will be the fundamentals of sewing. Towards the end of the year they will have some machine work but the most of their work will consist of hand sewing. The girls of this class have already made burlap bags which included all the fundamental stitches, such as basting, backstitching, hemming, overhanding, and overcasting. Each put a simple design on the bags and embroidered it with an embroidery stitch.

The girls are now working on aprons which will be made entirely by hand. At Christmas time they made simple gifts such as holders and needlebooks.

The sixth grade is having sewing for the second year. Each girl is required to make at least two undergarments as well as buttonholes, darns, and patches. This class has had several lessons in the care and use of the sewing machine. The girls review the fundamental stitches, use the sewing machine, and study the principles of cutting and the use of the commercial pattern.

Because of the change in the school schedule this year the program of the seventh and eighth grades has somewhat changed from that of other years. Instead of carrying both cooking and sewing through the whole year, it seemed advisable to have cooking one half the year and sewing the other half.

The seventh grade spent the first few weeks of the year making their cooking aprons. They reviewed the

care and use of the sewing machine and had the following problems in making their aprons: flat felled seams, the application of bias binding, the joining and cutting of bias pieces, and the turning and hemming of hems.

Their next lessons consisted of the principles of housework, such as the care and use of the oil stove, dish washing, sweeping, dusting, scrubbing, etc. They also learned the tables of measurements and abbreviations.

The first cooking lessons of this class are divided into a breakfast project. For several lessons the girls studied and prepared individual foods served at breakfast, such as fruits, cereals, main dishes, and beverages. As a review they planned, prepared, and served a whole breakfast containing similar foods to those about which they had been studying. This breakfast project also included table setting and serving as well as table manners.

Before Christmas the girls made at least one Christmas gift and the week before Christmas they spent in making candy. The materials were brought from home and fudge, fondant, cream walnuts, stuffed dates, mints and butterscotch were made.

This class is now studying Batters and Doughs and will make one or two examples of each. These lessons will include popovers, waffles, griddle cakes, muffins, gingerbread, cake, cookies and pies.

Along with the actual cooking the girls have had a good deal of theory. They have been keeping note-books

which contain a study of classification of foods, the Health Rules, the planning of breakfast menus, and the principles of Housework.

In February the girls of the seventh grade will start sewing and the garments made by the majority will go toward the earning of their 4-H Club pins. Their sewing will consist of the making of at least two undergarments, one school dress, patches and darns. Laundering and the care and renovation of clothing will be included in their program.

The eighth grade spent the first two months in the study of Food Preservation. They studied all the phases of this subject such as all the methods of food preservation, commercial canning, home canning, open kettle and cold pack methods, with the advantages and dis-advantages of each.

Mr. Martin very kindly loaned us a pressure cooker and a water seal, both of which made the work much easier. Altogether, the girls canned fifty jars of carrots, beets, tomatoes, picallili, pickled onions, and pickled peppers. They also made about two hundred jars of jelly, which included grape, apple, mint, and quince jelly. A small amount of peach conserve and orange marmalade were made as well as a dozen or so jars of preserved pears and quince.

This class has also studied about meat, eggs, and cheese and have had a week of candy-making, similar to the seventh grade. The girls are now working on a

luncheon project and after studying and preparing various foods suitable for luncheons, they will plan, prepare and serve a luncheon. This project includes cream soups, scalloped and cream dishes, salads, quick breads and simple desserts.

The eighth grade girls have had some work in interior decorating. For practical work they have painted the dining room furniture and for theoretical work they have had some reading on color schemes, walls, floor, and wood-work finishes, etc.

The sewing lessons of the eighth grade for this year will consist in the making of undergarments and a dress, bound buttonholes, set-in pockets and flat seams, and the study of dress appreciation and etiquette, laundering, and the care and renovation of clothes. Child care and the care of the sick will also be included in this course.

A very interesting contest was held by the girls of the Junior High and High School. The Rumford Baking Powder Company awarded three prizes to the three girls making the best baking powder biscuits using their baking powder. The first prize, three dollars, was awarded to Barbara Bowman, of the seventh grade; the second, two dollars, to Ruth Horne, Freshman, and the third, one dollar, to Alice House, Senior.

The 4-H Clubs have been organized and the girls are all busy working for their pins and certificates. The best "All-round" club girl will be sent to Amherst College next summer to a conference. Dorothy Bernard was sent

last year and enjoyed it very much. The Club exhibit will be held sometime in June and a very cordial invitation is extended to all the parents to attend it.

For the year ending June 1928, the total amount of money *made by the girls* of the Household Arts Department was about forty-three dollars. This money was obtained by selling various foods, such as cakes and pies and by having a food sale. The girls also made some of the money by selling aprons.

Co-operation from the parents means more in the teaching of Household Arts than anyone, other than the teacher, can realize. I feel that I am receiving the necessary co-operation from the parents of all the girls and I want to take this opportunity to thank them and tell them that I greatly appreciate it.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH VAN IDERSTINE,

Supervisor of Household Arts.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1928.

Aims of Health Education:

1. To instruct children and youth so that they may conserve and improve their own health.

2. To establish in them the habits and principles of living which, throughout their life will assure that abundant vigor and vitality which provide the basis for the greatest possible happiness and service in personal, family and community life.

3. To influence parents and other adults, through the health education program for children to better habits and attitudes, so that the school may become an effective agency for the promotion of the social aspect of health education in the family and community as well as in the school itself.

4. To improve the individual and community life of the future; to insure a better second generation, a healthier and fitter nation, and race.

This year we are endeavoring to promote interest in three fundamental principles of health:

1. Correct weight.
2. Good posture.
3. Perfect teeth.

The third requiring outside assistance we are pleased to be able to make the following report. Miss Evelyn Delory, dental hygienist, was in Oak Bluffs and examined the teeth of 298 children, finding 16 with perfect teeth and 37 with no cavities.

Parents were given the opportunity to have their children's teeth cleaned at the school dental clinic for the nominal sum of 25c. 185 took advantage of this opportunity.

Take your child to your family dentist at least once a year, every six months is better.

For the benefit of those who have no family dentist we are holding shortly a clinic where children may have teeth extracted or filled for 25c. We trust that many parents will avail themselves of this opportunity, thus encouraging their children to keep their teeth in the best possible condition.

Respectfully submitted,

IRENE LANDERS,

School Nurse.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. R. H. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my Annual Music Report.

Great interest in music is shown by both teachers and pupils in all the schools on the Island and I should like especially for their benefit to make a suggestion, perhaps two, (to the committee) as to how this interest may be stimulated.

Oak Bluffs High School wants a Glee Club, Edgartown High wants an operetta, Vineyard Haven High gives an operetta every year and must continue to give one, to say nothing of the eagerness with which the ever willing "Up Island" school children would enter in to the giving of little musical plays and pageants.

I believe every pupil should have these opportunities of expressing himself, but—can this be accomplished by one Supervisor? No. Why not an Assistant Supervisor—one who can teach Art and Music—giving the Head Supervisor more time and energy to carry on extra work

for the advancement of Music? At the State Supervisor's Conference the importance of Musical Clubs, plays, pageants, etc., was greatly stressed—no matter how amateurish they might be.

We have been very fortunate indeed this year to obtain two excellent new pianos—one for the Chilmark School and one for **Oak Bluffs**. We are badly in need of a piano at the West Tisbury School, also the Vineyard Haven Grades.

With the exception of two grades in Oak Bluffs (III and IV) a complete set of Progressive Music Books has been placed in all grades, and new song books have been placed in the High and Junior High Schools, with the exception of Edgartown High. We greatly appreciate these new books.

I wish to express my appreciation to Mr. Martin, the principal, teachers and pupils for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

MINERVA E. DEMMONS,

Supervisor of Music.

ROLL OF HONOR

Pupils not absent or tardy Sept. 7, 1927—June 15, 1928

Three Terms

Genevieve Rogers	Grade IV
Edna Stevenson	r Grade VI
Walter Stevenson	Grade VII
Henry Alley	Grade VIII
Dean Denniston	High School
Selma Hughes	High School
Robert Hughes	High School

Two Terms

Francis Metell	Grade 11
Marjorie Bowman	Grade IV
Daniel Earle	Grade IV
Alfred Metell	Grade IV
Alton Noyes	Grade IV
Elizabeth Webb	Grade V
Tillie Madeiros	Grade VI
Amy Noyes	Grade VI
Francis Madeiros	Grade VII
Lawrence Pratt	Grade VII
Marjorie Rice	Grade VII
Ruth Jordan	Grade VIII
Eloise Webb	Grade VIII

One Term

Jean Griswold	Grade 1
Libby Tarvers	Grade I
George Pachico	Grade I
Wilfred Allard	Grade II
Joseph Ferreira	Grade II
Clarence Haskins	Grade II
Norman Noyes	Grade II
John Simonds	Grade II
Eunice Gordon	Grade II
Catherine Sylvia	Grade II
Gerald Denniston	Grade III
Rose Terra	Grade IV
Geraldine Simonds	Grade IV
Herbert Combra	Grade IV
Philip Combra	Grade IV
Gilbert Pachico	Grade IV
Henry Perry	Grade IV
Leon Souweine	Grade IV
William Silvia	Grade IV
Winifred Duarte	Grade V
Helen Rose	Grade V
Hannah Webb	Grade V
Kathleen Alley	Grade VI
Barbara Bowman	Grade VI
Frances Denney	Grade VI
Ruth Purdy	Grade VI
Lillian Viera	Grade VI
Alfred Amancio	Grade VI
Léo Camara	Grade VI
Baron Denniston	Grade VI

Victor Duarte	Grade VI
Alberta Allard	Grade VII
Adelaide De Bettencourt	Grade VII
Margaret Gordon	Grade VII
Anna Oliver	Grade VII
Alice Purdy	Grade VII
Vivian Souweine	Grade VII
William Souweine	Grade VII
Adeline Ben David	Grade VIII
Florine Bernard	Grade VIII
Fannie Duarte	Grade VIII
Edna Johnson	Grade VIII
Evelyn Metell	Grade VIII
Dorothy Sylvia	Grade VIII
Hilda Viera	Grade VIII
Elizabeth Madeiros	High School
Bertha Noyes	High School
Hazel Silvia	High School

Statistics

TABLE OF STATISTICS—DECEMBER, 1928

Grade	Teachers	Total Membership	Ave. Daily Attendance	% of Attendance
1	Ruth Philips	53	46	93
1	Belle Hayden			
2	Grace P. Smith	37	34	95
3	Muriel Pease	32	28	92
4	Hilda Terra	25	24	94
5	Mildred B. Wadsworth	45	39	95
6	Mary E. Place	39	35	94
7	Bertha Veeder	29	27	96
8	Harry G. Dorr	22	21	96
High School		42	39	96

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Bert L. Merrill, Principal

Letha N. Hurd

Mary C. DeBettencourt

Kathleen Arenovski

HOME ECONOMICS

Edith Van Iderstine

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Minerva Demmons

SCHOOL NURSE

Irene V. Landers

SCHOL PHYSICIAN

Edward P. Worth, M. D.

TABLE OF STATISTICS—Sept. 7, 1927—June 15, 1928

Grade	Teachers	Total	Ave. Daily	% of
		Membership	Attendance	Attendance
1	Ruth Phillips	41	30	85
2	Grace P. Smith	34	27	88
3	Muriel Pease	26	21	85
4	Hilda Terra	44	35	90
5	Mildred B. Wadsworth	37	31	91
6	Mary E. Place	35	26	93
7	Bertha Veeder	22	20	93
8	Harry G. Dorr	24	19	95
High School		42	34	91

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Bert L. Merrill, Principal

Letha N. Hurd

Mary C. Bettencourt

Kathleen Arenovski

Edith Van Iderstine

COUNTY STATISTICS

	Population	Valuation—1927	Tax Rate—1927	Valuation per pupil	Spent for Schools	Price of per pupil	Received from State	Received other sources	Received State for Supt.	Average No. Pupils	Pupils Attending other Schools	Teachers	Normal or College
Tisbury	1431	\$5,867,250	\$13.00	\$18,866	\$25,934.93	\$ 83.39	\$2,265.90	\$2,010.00	-----	311	0	15	12
Oak Bluffs	1314	3,791,627	28.00	14,148	24,953.64	93.11	3,099.00	-----	\$443.64	268	1	14	12
Edgartown	1235	3,360,086	23.40	14,359	22,451.75	53.39	1,739.00	-----	443.64	284	0	10	8
West Tisbury	322	722,994	12.00	16,814	8,409.34	135.66	1,289.90	-----	266.17	43	12	2	2
Chilmark	240	519,356	14.70	24,731	3,277.02	156.05	391.30	-----	88.73	21	9	1	0
Gay Head	168	125,460	18.50	7,380	3,252.12	191.29	1,501.30	-----	88.73	17	3	1	1
Gosnold	142	1,379,162	7.60	172,395	3,084.61	385.63	200.60	-----	158.78	8	2	1	1

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Winter Term: Jan. 2 to March 28, 1929.

Spring Term: April 8 to June 14, 1929.

Fall Term: Sept. 9 to Dec. 20, 1929.

Winter Term: Jan. 6 to March 21, 1930.

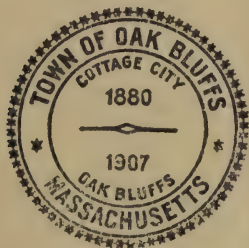
Spring Term: March 31 to June 13, 1930.

This calendar subject to change by vote of the School Committee.

Entrance Requirements

Pupils who wish to enter the first grade must be at least five and one-half years of age at the opening of school in September. All pupils are required by the law to be vaccinated before attending school, so parents should attend to this matter before the opening of school.

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Town Officers, 1929

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN	Term expires 1930
NORMAN L. PRATT	Term expires 1931
JOHN B. BILLINGS	Term expires 1932

Town Clerk

JOHN MILLER

Town Accountant

JOHN MILLER

Assessors

WALTER R. GOVE	Term expires 1930
FREDERICK W. SMITH	Term expires 1931
HOLLIS W. ENGLEBY	Term expires 1932

Treasurer

HOSEA S. LOOK

Collector of Taxes

EDWIN R. FRASIER

Board of Registrars

JAMES W. WOODWARD	Term expires 1930
TERRENCE J. O'BRIEN	Term expires 1931
CLYDE E. MacNEILL	Term expires 1932

Chief of Police

WALTER W. GILKES

Night Watchman

JOHN JONES

Board of Fire Engineers

ANTONE P. MEDEIROS M. CLAYTON HOYLE
JAMES L. PRATT

Board of Health

JOHN B. BILLINGS MICHAEL J. KEEGAN
NORMAN L. PRATT

Superintendent of Streets

DAVID J. McBRIDE

School Committee

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN	Term expires 1930
MINNIE E. VINCENT	Term expires 1931
CLEMENT N. AMARAL	Term expires 1932

Park Commissioners

JOSEPH E. AMARAL	Term expires 1930
CLEMENT STUDLEY	Term expires 1931
WALTER L. BESSE	Term expires 1932

Library Trustees

ELIZABETH H. RICE	Term expires 1930
HERBERT A. EDDY	Term expires 1931
WALTER C. RIPLEY	Term expires 1932

Cemetery Commissioners

I. HERBERT FRANCIS	Term expires 1930
CHARLES A. WILLIAMS	Term expires 1931
ARTHUR F. BAIRD	Term expires 1932

Sealer of Weights and Measures

JOSEPH A. SYLVIA

Moth Superintendent

FRANK F. BLANKENSHIP

Tree Warden

GEORGE FRYE

Constables

JOHN J. FLORIO

JOHN F. PIMENTAL

Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of**Wood and Bark**

HERBERT A. EDDY

PETER J. TAEGAR

Fence Viewers

DAVID J. McBRIDE

THOMAS A. McGRATH

Pound Keeper

WALTER W. GILKES

Field Drivers

MANUEL R. SILVIA

HARRY T. W

FINANCE COMMITTEE**Terms expire 1930**

M. CLAYTON HOYLE

FRANK F. BLANKENS

JESSE STEERE

DAVID J. McBR

WILLIAM NORTON, JR.

Terms expire 1931

CARROLL J. DARLING

CHRISTOPHER LO

ERNEST A. NICKEL

ELMER E. LAND

JAMES W. WOODARD

Terms expire 1932

E. ROLAND SMITH

HERBERT A. ED

JAMES L. PRATT

THOMAS L. WILLIST

EBEN D. BODFISH

Valuation April 1, 1929

The following items taken from Assessors' Valuation list for year 1929.

Total Valuation of Assessed Estate, April 1, 1929	\$3,830,801.00
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Assessed Personal Estate	\$559,401.00
Assessed Real Estate	3,271,400.00
	<hr/> \$3,830,801.00

Total Tax on Personal Estate	\$20,921.59
Total Tax on Real Estate	122,350.36
Total Tax on Polls	880.00

Total Tax	<hr/> \$144,151.95
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State Tax	\$5,100.00
State Highway	109.07
Municipal Audits	436.45
County Tax	11,591.14
Overlay—1927	163.19
Overlay—1929	1,625.45
Park Land Loan To Complete Judgment	865.84
Town Tax	123,380.81
Tax on Polls	880.00

Total Tax	<hr/> \$144,151.95
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Total number of persons, partnerships	
Corporations, etc., assessed	1,520
Number of persons on polls	440
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Total	1,960

Number of horses assessed	28
Number of cows	92
Number of sheep	7
Number of Neat Cattle	3
Number of swine	67
Number of fowl	552
Number of dwellings	1,361
Number of acres of land	3,423

EXEMPTION OF PROPERTY

African Methodist Church	\$500.00
Bradley Memorial Church	2,500.00
Fall River Deaconess Home	1,000.00
I. O. O. F. Personal Property	250.00
Baptist Vineyard Association	4,250.00
M. V. Camp-Meeting Association	5,250.00
M. V. Hospital Association	57,700.00
Methodist Episcopal Association	5,500.00
Order of Eastern Star, Personal	350.00
Protestant Episcopal Society	4,000.00
Sacred Heart Parishes	30,500.00
Union Christian Association	7,000.00
U. S. America	6,400.00
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	\$125,200.00

PROPERTY OF TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

Town Hall Buildings and Land	\$3,700.00
Furnishings	10,000.00
School Buildings and Land	27,700.00
School Furnishings	12,400.00
Library Department, Books and Furnishings	1,300.00
Fire Department	30,000.00
Water Mains and Hydrants	4,000.00
Park Department, Parks and Playgrounds	100,000.00
Cemetery Department	1,150.00
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	\$190,250.00

Town Accountant's Report

Board of Selectmen,
Town of Oak Bluffs.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Section 61, Chapter 41, General Laws, I submit herewith my annual report of the Accounting Department.

The following is a statement of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1929.

JOHN MILLER,
Town Accountant.

Receipts

TAXES

Levy of 1927	\$280.84
Levy of 1928	18,656.42
Levy of 1929	105,941.21
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,891.06
Tax Titles	324.87
Soldiers' Exemption	35.38
Income Tax	16,309.21
Corporation Tax	1,521.65
National Bank Tax	36.79
	<hr/> \$146,997.43

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Innholders	\$44.00	
Common Victuallers	28.00	
Sunday	95.00	
Shellfish	42.00	
Junk	50.00	
Public Amusements	60.00	
Garage Registrations	3.00	
Carriage	64.00	
Car Agent	10.00	
Auctioneers	6.00	
Transient Vendors	1,015.00	
Checking Permit	5.00	
Intelligence Office	4.00	
Baggage	6.00	
Manicure	5.00	
Theatres	150.00	
Dance Hall	50.00	
Bowling	16.00	
Billiards	5.00	
Shooting Gallery	5.00	
Eel-pots	6.00	
Oleo Registrations	1.00	
Boxing (State)	211.35	
	<hr/>	\$1,881.35

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:		
Vocational Education	\$433.12	
From County:		
Dog Licenses	187.60	
	<hr/>	\$620.72

FINES AND FORFEITS

Court Fines

\$596.40

DEPARTMENTAL

General Government:

Tax Collector:

Collector's Costs \$18.91

Town Hall:

Rent 75.00

\$93.91

Protection of Persons and Property:

Fire Department:

Sale of Stove \$8.50

Use of Apparatus by other Towns 312.00

\$320.50

Sealer's Department:

Sealer's Fees \$34.46

Division of Standards 30.00

\$64.46

Health Department:

Division of Sanatoria \$316.43

Public Sanitararies 14.00

\$330.43

Highway Department:

Labor and Material

\$132.00

Public Welfare Department:

Reinbursements:

Mothers' Aid—State \$700.00

Temporary Aid—State 797.33

Cities and Towns 331.38

Trust Funds 387.35

\$2,216.06

Library Department:

Fees and Fines	\$547.89
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Park Department:

Tennis Courts, Rentals	\$564.75
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Cemetery Department:

Sale of Lots	\$75.00	
Burials	120.00	
Income, Perpetual Care Funds	401.81	
		<u>\$596.81</u>

INTEREST

On Deposits	\$381.19	
On Deferred Taxes	738.47	
On Bond Issued	274.08	
		<u>\$1,393.74</u>

INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	\$90,000.00	
Park Land Loan	70,000.00	
Bulkhead on Atlantic Ave. Loan	24,000.00	
		<u>\$184,000.00</u>

UNCLASSIFIED

Premium on Bonds Issued	\$38.00
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AGENCY

State Tax	\$5,100.00	
Highway Tax	109.07	
Auditing Tax	436.45	
County Tax	11,591.14	
		<u>\$17,236.73</u>

School Department:

Rent of Domestic Science Cottage	\$190.00
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TRUST

Anna K. Barbey School Fund	\$269.44
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REFUNDS

Motor Vehicles Excise Tax—1929	\$17.73
Highway Department	68.06
Public Welfare	95.00
Public Parks	2.24
	<hr/> 183.03

	\$358,273.65
Cash Balance, January 1, 1929	15,239.10

Grand Total	\$373,512.75
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Payments

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

LEGISLATURE

Moderator's Salary \$ 15.00

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT

Selectmen's Salaries \$ 900.00

Expense:

Janitor \$ 35.00

Telephone 35.51

Fuel and Light 253.49

Transportation 103.40

Printing, Postage, Stationery 21.35

Water 25.00

All Other 19.38

\$ 493.13

\$ 1393.13

ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT

Accountant's Salary \$ 1,700.00

Expenses:

Printing, Postage and Stationery 50.00

\$ 1,750.00

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT

Treasurer's Salary \$ 400.00

Expenses:

Surety Bond 90.00

Certifying Notes 18.00

Bond Issuance	240.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	30.97	
All Other	.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 379.47
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		\$ 779.47

COLLECTOR'S DEPARTMENT

Collector's Salary		\$ 750.00
Expenses:		
Surety Bond	\$ 180.00	
Advertising	27.75	
Recording Deeds	23.92	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	93.03	
All Other	1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 325.70
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		\$ 1,075.70

ASSESSORS' DEPARTMENT

Assessors' Salaries	600.00	
Expenses		
Abstracts	\$ 48.75	
Auto Hire	15.00	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	60.07	
	<hr/>	\$ 123.82
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		\$ 723.82

LAW DEPARTMENT

Town Counsel, Services		\$ 75.00
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TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

Town Clerk, Salary	\$ 300.00	
Expenses		
Vital Statistics	\$ 95.00	
Physicians Returns	7.00	

Bond	5.00		
Printing, Postage, Stationery	30.79		
Clerical Hire	95.92		
Transportation, Attending			
Conference	32.14		
Typewriter	100.00		
All Other	34.15		
	<hr/>	\$ 400.00	
		<hr/>	\$ 700.00

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Board of Registrations, Salaries	\$ 300.		
Expenses			
Election Officers	\$ 63.00		
Printing, Stationery, Postage	112.92		
Posting Warrants	6.00		
All Other	2.00		
	<hr/>	\$ 183.92	
		<hr/>	\$ 483.92

TOWN BUILDINGS, INCIDENTAL REPAIRS
AND SUPPLIES

Repairs	\$ 60.15		
Water, Installing and Service	19.27		
Sundry Supplies	7.77		
	<hr/>	\$ 87.19	

ADDITION TO TOWN GARAGE

Addition, Contract	380.00		
Painting	47.28		
Postage	1.26		
All Other	32.00		
	<hr/>	\$ 460.54	

RENT OF HALL

Town Meeting Purposes	\$ 300.00		
Adjustment, Treasurer, 1928	2.50		

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief of Police, Salary	\$ 1,500.00
Night Watch, Salary	\$ 1,460.00
Patrolmen, Salaries	1,231.50

Expenses

Auto Hire and Transportation	\$ 163.68
Court Expenses and Witness Fees	14.70
Paints	39.60
Printing, Postage, Stationery	8.36
Traffic Signs and Piping	81.15
Dog Officer	5.00

\$ 312.49

\$ 4,503.99

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Engineers, Salaries	\$ 50.00
Chief of Engineers, Salary	50.00
Firemen, Salaries	708.40
Stewards, Salaries	145.00
Superintendent of Alarm and Care of Batteries	200.00

\$ 1,153.40

Expenses

Apparatus	\$ 14,000.00
New Hose	2,499.52
Fire Frey Equipment	175.00
Truck Supplies and Repairs	343.36
Fuel and Light	543.49
Water	40.00
Building Repairs	46.70
Hydrant Rentals	2,870.00

Hydrant Repairs and

Replacements	81.76	
Equipment Supplies	141.33	
All Other	199.35	
	<u>20,940.51</u>	
		<u>\$22,093.91</u>

Fire Lines and Box:

Box and Hangers	\$ 141.99	
Material	74.15	
Labor	224.00	
All Other	4.95	
	<u>445.09</u>	\$ 445.09

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sealer, Salary	100.00	
Expenses:		
Insurance	\$ 28.80	
Equipment	18.84	
Transportation	52.00	
All Other	3.00	
	<u>102.64</u>	
		<u>\$ 202.64</u>

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Labor	403.00	
Expenses:		
Insecticides	\$ 62.24	
Freight	2.90	
Printing	2.50	
Equipment, Supplies and		
Repairs	58.02	
	<u>125.76</u>	
		<u>\$ 528.76</u>

TREE WARDEN'S DEPARTMENT

Tree Warden, Services	25.00
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HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salaries:

Board of Health	\$ 75.00
Agents	150.00
	<hr/> \$ 225.00

Expenses:

Tuberculosis Hospitals	\$ 273.00
General Hospitals	843.97
Contagious Diseases	
Medical Attendance	223.00
Burial	106.30
Printing, Postage, Stationery	5.90
Transportation	3.00
Supplies	4.70
	<hr/> \$ 1,459.87
	<hr/> \$ 1,684.87
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary	\$ 75.00
Inspector of Animals	50.00

COLLECTION OF OFFAL

Labor	\$ 2,177.00
Trucks, Supplies and Repairs	665.44
	<hr/> \$ 2,842.44

CARE OF DUMPS

Labor	\$596.00
Supplies	2.65
	<hr/> \$ 598.65

CLEANING CATCH BASINS

Labor	\$ 250.00
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SWEEPING STREETS

Labor	\$ 886.00	
Expenses:		
Brooms	10.32	
	<hr/>	\$ 896.32

PUBLIC SANITARIES

Caretaker, Services	\$ 375.00	
Expenses:		
Lease	\$ 125.00	
Water	59.00	
Repairs	88.52	
Germicides	65.00	
Supplies	58.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 395.75
	<hr/>	\$ 770.75

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

REPAIR TO CONCRETE ROADS

Labor	\$ 2,311.50	
Expenses:		
Material	\$ 684.25	
Gravel and Stone	75.00	
Truck, Supplies and Repairs	368.30	
Freight and Carting	77.54	
Surveys	49.20	
Cord Wood for Fuel	135.00	
Mixer Parts and Repairs	91.38	
Grates and Pipes	26.50	
All Other	180.56	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,687.73
	<hr/>	\$ 3,999.23

REPAIRS TO DIRT ROADS

Labor		\$ 2,059.88
Expenses:		
Truck Supplies & Repairs	\$ 479.22	
Gravel and Stone	760.28	
Surveys and Lay-Outs	82.40	
All Other	98.78	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,420.68
		<hr/> \$ 3,480.56

LAGOON ROAD OILING AND REPAIRS

Labor		\$ 821.50
Expenses:		
Oil and Asphalt	\$ 1,623.53	
Gravel and Stone	34.72	
Truck Supplies	32.09	
Freight and Carting	6.16	
All Other	2.75	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,699.25
		<hr/> \$ 2,520.75

COUNTY ROAD REPAIRS

Labor		\$ 587.50
Expenses:		
Gravel and Stone	\$ 233.00	
Truck Supplies	21.10	
	<hr/>	\$ 254.10
		<hr/> \$ 841.60

BULKHEADS AND BRIDGES

Labor		\$ 890.80
Expenses:		
Lumber, etc.	74.08	
All Other	1.35	
	<hr/>	\$ 75.43
		<hr/> \$ 966.23
Bulkhead Atlantic Avenue		\$ 25,000.00

REPAIRS TO CEMENT SIDEWALK

Labor	\$ 72.50	
Material	83.55	
		<hr/> \$ 156.05

ROAD MACHINERY

Labor		\$ 274.13
Expenses:		
Machinery		
Parts and Repairs	\$ 166.84	
Motor	331.13	
Compressor and Tank	135.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 632.97
		<hr/> \$ 907.10

POWER GRADER

Road Grader		\$ 2,725.94
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ROAD ROLLER

Seven Ton Roller		\$ 2,403.39
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SNOW REMOVAL

Labor and Trucks		\$ 229.67
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STREET LIGHTING

Contract	\$ 7,832.82	
Expenses:		
Traffic Signal and Lights	\$ 563.00	
Labor	127.00	
Replacements and Supplies	144.89	
	<hr/>	\$ 834.89
		<hr/> \$ 8,667.71

HARBOR MASTER

Salary		\$ 50.00
Expenses:		
Labor on Moorings, etc.	97.00	
Painting	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 100.00
		<hr/> \$ 150.00

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

PUBLIC WELFARE

Expenses:

Cash Aid	\$ 5,650.00
Mother's Aid	1,040.00
Medicine and Medical Attendance	795.81
Hospital Care	386.30
Groceries and Provisions	326.21
Coal and Wood	276.29
Rent	310.60
Other Cities and Towns	300.62
Assistance in Paying Taxes	247.10
Transportation	140.04
Printing, Postage and Stationery	15.08
All Other	62.56
	<hr/> \$ 9,550.61

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

Cash Aid	\$ 16.00
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EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages:

School Committee	\$	150.00
Secretary of Committee		100.00
Superintendent		875.00
Physician		50.00
Nurse		590.00
Teachers		18,164.17
Janitor		1,248.00
		<hr/> \$21,177.17

Expenses:

Transportation	\$ 654.21	
Water	47.00	
Fuel and Light	1,303.89	
Telephone	56.37	
Insurance	323.74	
Text Books and Supplies	1,658.27	
Domestic Science Supplies	253.96	
Tuition Vocational	342.00	
General Repairs	984.30	
Janitor Supplies	142.73	
Freight and Cartage	69.21	
Printing, Postage, Stationery	12.00	
All Other	308.03	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,155.71
		<hr/> \$27,332.88

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Librarian Services	409.00	
Janitor	99.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 508.00

Expenses:

Books and Periodicals	\$ 350.27	
Fuel and Light	22.75	
Rent	180.00	
Water	16.00	
Insurance	37.80	
Binding	5.00	
All Other	31.78	
	<hr/>	\$ 643.60
		<hr/> \$ 1,151.60

RECREATION
PUBLIC PARKS

Labor and Trucks	\$ 2,438.73
Plants and Shrubs	1,334.60

Seeds and Loam	20.00	
Fertilizers	243.85	
Water	74.71	
Equipment	153.55	
All Other	232.50	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,497.94
		<hr/> \$ 4,497.94

TENNIS COURTS—MAINTENANCE

Labor	\$ 566.80	
Supplies	187.58	
Water	36.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 790.38

STEPS ON WATERFRONT

Material and Labor	\$500.53
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SEATS ON WATERFRONT

Stock and Labor	\$247.19
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SUNSET LAKE

Labor	\$460.24	
Seeds	23.30	
	<hr/>	483.54

PUBLIC BEACHES

Labor	\$323.25	
Lumber, chairs, etc.	171.44	
Survey	17.00	
All Other	3.00	
	<hr/>	514.69

TAKING OF TWO LOTS

Settlement	\$2,750.00	
Counsel Fees	254.50	
	<hr/>	3,004.50

LAND DAMAGE JUDGMENT

Vineyard Grove Co. vs. Town

Judgment and Interest	\$84,626.63	
Counsel Fees	2,500.00	
Transcripts, Travel, etc.	116.96	
	<hr/>	87,243.59

UNCLASSIFIED

Town Reports	\$320.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
Advertising	487.43	
Amusement	2,500.00	
Reserve Fund Transfers	927.18	
	<hr/>	\$3,984.61

COMMITTEE ON WATER SYSTEM

Investigations, etc.	\$ 333.36	
Copy of Returns	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 343.36

CEMETERIES

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Chairman of Committee, Salary	75.00	
Labor	993.65	
	<hr/>	1,068.65
Expenses:		
Water	\$25.00	
Loam and Fertilizer	55.00	
Shrubs, etc.	41.15	
Supplies	48.36	
All Other	56.94	
	<hr/>	226.45
	<hr/>	1,295.10
Repairs to Tomb		149.00

INTEREST

Temporary Loan	\$2,461.96	
General Loans	3,949.06	
	<hr/>	6,411.02

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Maturing Debt	\$10,550.00	
Temporary Loans	90,000.00	
	<hr/>	100,550.00

AGENCY

State Tax	\$5,100.00	
Highway Tax	109.07	
Municipal Audit	436.45	
County Tax	11,591.14	
	<hr/>	17,236.66

REFUNDS

M. V. Excise Tax, 1929	\$17.73
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TRUST

Anna K. Barbey, School Fund	\$269.44
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	\$360,752.09

In Department Accounts	927.18
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	359,824.91
Cash Balance, December 31, 1929	13,687.84

Grand Total	<hr/>
	\$373,512.75

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1929

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:		
In Bank	13,687.84	
Library—Petty Cash	15.00	
	<hr/>	13,702.84
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1927	\$7.09	
Levy of 1928	31.45	
Levy of 1929	20,481.02	
	<hr/>	20,519.56
Tax Titles Held by Town		2,812.33
Motor Vehicles Excise Tax—1929		597.42
Departmental		
Health	\$10.00	
Public Welfare	1,405.23	
Highway	38.00	
Com. of Mass., Soldiers' burial	100.00	
	<hr/>	1,553.23
Overlay Deficit:		
Levy of 1927 (to be provided in 1930)		23.09
Overdrawn Accounts (to be appropriated):		
Health Dept., expense	\$92.89	
Lagoon Road	.75	

School Teachers, janitor, salaries	412.17	
Waterfront Steps	.53	
Public Beaches	14.69	
Interest	561.02	
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		1,082.05
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		\$40,290.52

LIABILITIES

Unexpended Balances:

Rebuilding New York and Lake Avenues	\$75.55	
Dredging Lake Anthony	5,000.00	
Cement Wall and Improvement on Waterfront	.02	
Plans of Town	724.30	
World War Memorial	700.00	
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		6,499.84

Tax Title—Sales Surplus	218.74
Library Petty Cash	15.00

Revenue Reserved until collected:

Tax Titles	\$2,812.33	
Motor Vehicles Excise Tax	597.42	
Departmental	1,553.23	
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		4,962.98

Overlay Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1928	\$31.45	
Levy of 1929	1,262.61	
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		1,294.06

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	969.67
Surplus Revenue	26,330.20

\$40,290.52

DEBT ACCOUNTS**ASSETS**

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	134,200.00	
	<u> </u>	\$134,200.00

LIABILITIES

Bulkhead or Waterfront Loan	\$11,400.00	
New York Avenue Loan	7,600.00	
Cement Wall and Improvement Loan	21,200.00	
Park Land Loan	70,000.00	
Bulkhead on Atlantic Avenue	24,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$134,200.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$23,539.91	
	<u> </u>	\$23,539.91
Anna K. Barbey, Public Welfare	\$5,430.15	
Rebecca Clark, Public Welfare	1,275.61	
Ichabod Norton, Public Welfare	947.17	
	<u> </u>	7,652.93
Anna K. Barbey, School Fund		12,057.45
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		3,829.53
		<u> </u>
		\$23,539.91

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

	Balances Jan. 1, '29	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balance Dec. 31, '29	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '29
General Government:									
Moderator	---	15.00	---	---	15.00	---	---	---	---
Selectmen	---	1,200.00	---	200.00	1,393.13	---	6.87	---	---
Accountant	---	1,750.00	---	---	1,750.00	---	---	---	---
Walter C. Ripley, Treasurer	2.50	---	---	---	2.50	---	---	---	---
Treasurer	---	800.00	---	88.00	779.47	---	58.53	---	---
Tax Collector	---	1,115.00	---	---	1,075.70	---	39.30	---	---
Assessors	---	850 00	---	---	723.82	---	126.18	---	---
Town Counsel	---	100.00	---	---	75.00	---	25.00	---	---
Town Clerk	---	700.00	---	---	700.00	---	---	---	---
Election and Registration	---	550.00	---	---	483.92	---	66.08	---	---
Town Building Repairs	---	100.00	---	---	87.19	---	12.81	---	---
Addition to Town Garage	---	---	---	500.00	460.54	---	39.46	---	---
Rent of Hall for Town Meetings	---	300.00	---	---	300.00	---	---	---	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '29	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to		Overdrafts
							Revenue	Balance Dec. 31, '29	
Protection of Persons and Property:									
Police Department, Salary and Expenses	-----	4,415.00	-----	90.00	4,503.99	-----	1.01	-----	-----
Fire Department, Salaries	-----	1,100.00	-----	-----	1,008.40	-----	91.60	-----	-----
Fire Department, Expenses	-----	1,500.00	-----	40.79	1,540.79	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fire Department, Hydrant Rentals	-----	2,905.00	-----	-----	2,870.00	-----	35.00	-----	-----
Fire Department, Fire Freeze Equip.	-----	175.00	-----	-----	175.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fire Department, Fire Lines and Boxes	-----	450.00	-----	-----	445.09	-----	4.91	-----	-----
Fire Department, New Hose	-----	2,500.00	-----	-----	2,499.52	-----	.48	-----	-----
Fire Department, New Apparatus	-----	14,000.00	-----	-----	14,000.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sealer of Weights and Measures, Salary and Expenses	-----	250.00	-----	-----	202.64	-----	47.36	-----	-----
Moth Extermination	-----	600.00	-----	-----	528.76	-----	71.24	-----	-----
Fire Warden—Services	-----	25.00	-----	-----	25.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Health and Sanitation:									
Board and Agents, Salaries	-----	225.00	-----	-----	225.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Board and Agents, Expenses	-----	1,300.00	-----	66.98	1,459.87	-----	-----	-----	92.89

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '29	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '29	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '29
Collection of Offal	---	2,700.00	---	145.79	2,842.44	---	5.85	---	---
Care of Dump	---	600.00	---	---	598.65	---	1.35	---	---
Public Sanitararies	---	800.00	---	---	770.75	---	2.25	---	---
Cleaning Catch Basins	---	250.00	---	---	250.00	---	---	---	---
Sweeping Streets	---	900.00	---	---	896.32	---	3.68	---	---
Slaughter Inspector's Salary	---	75.00	---	---	75.00	---	---	---	---
Inspector of Animals, Salary	---	50.00	---	---	50.00	---	---	---	---
Highway Department:									
Overdrawn 1023 Accounts (Dr.)	283.26	283.26	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Repairs Concrete Road	---	4,000.00	---	---	3,400.23	---	.77	---	---
Repairs Dirt Road	---	3,400.00	---	83.62	3,480.56	---	3.06	---	---
Lagoon Road—Oiling and Repairs	---	2,500.00	---	---	2,500.75	---	---	---	.75
County Road Construction	856.63	---	---	---	---	856.63	---	---	---
County Road Repairs	---	---	---	856.63	841.60	---	15.03	---	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '29	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '29	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '29
Bulkheads and Bridges	---	1,000.00	---	---	966.23	---	33.77	---	---
Rebuilding New York and Lake Ave.	75.55	---	---	---	---	---	---	75.55	---
Repairs Cement Sidewalks	---	200.00	---	---	155.05	---	43.95	---	---
Road Machinery	924.00	---	---	---	907.10	---	16.90	---	---
Power Grader	---	3,200.00	---	---	2,677.88	200.00	322.12	---	---
7 Ton Roller	---	3,000.00	---	---	2,403.39	500.00	96.61	---	---
Snow Removal	---	500.00	---	---	229.67	---	270.33	---	---
Street Lighting	---	10,000.00	---	---	8,667.71	---	1,332.29	---	---
Dredging Lake Anthony	5,000.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	5,000.00	---
Harbor Master, Salary and Expenses	---	150.00	---	---	150.00	---	---	---	---
Bulkhead on Atlantic Avenue	---	25,000.00	---	---	25,000.00	---	---	---	---
Public Welfare	---	10,000.00	---	387.85	9,455.61	---	931.74	---	---
Soldiers' Benefit:									
Soldiers' Relief	---	48.00	---	---	16.00	---	32.00	---	---

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS--Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '29	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, 29	Overdrafts Dec. 31, 29
School Department:									
Salary of Committee and Secretary	-----	250.00	-----	-----	250.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Superintendent, Salary	-----	875.00	-----	-----	875.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Nurse, Salary	-----	650.00	-----	-----	590.00	-----	60.00	-----	-----
Physician's Salary	-----	100.00	-----	-----	50.00	-----	50.00	-----	-----
Teacher's and Janitor's Salaries	-----	19,000.00	-----	-----	19,412.17	-----	-----	-----	412.17
General Expenses	-----	6,000.00	-----	1,000.00	6,155.71	-----	844.29	-----	-----
Committee on Additional Facilities	-----	1,000.00	-----	-----	-----	1,000.00	-----	-----	-----
Library:									
Salary and Expenses	-----	1,200.00	-----	-----	1,151.60	-----	48.40	-----	-----
Recreation:									
Parks	-----	4,500.00	-----	-----	4,195.70	-----	4.30	-----	-----
Maintenance of Tennis Courts	-----	800.00	-----	-----	790.13	-----	9.87	-----	-----
Waterfront Steps	-----	500.00	-----	-----	500.53	-----	-----	-----	.53

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '29	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '29	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '29
Waterfront Seats	-----	250.00	-----	-----	247.19	-----	2.81	-----	-----
Sunset Lake	-----	500.00	-----	-----	483.54	-----	16.46	-----	-----
Beaches	-----	-----	-----	500.00	514.69	-----	-----	-----	14.69
Cement Wall and Improvements, Waterfront	.02	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	.02	-----
Land Taking, North Bluffs	956.62	2,047.88	-----	-----	3,004.50	-----	-----	-----	-----
Land Taking, between Bath Houses and Wharf	8,977.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	8,977.75	-----	-----	-----
Land Damage Judgment	-----	78,265.84	-----	8,977.75	87,243.59	-----	-----	-----	-----
Amusements	-----	2,500.00	-----	-----	2,500.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Unclassified:									
World War Memorial	700.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	700.00	-----
Town Reports	-----	320.00	-----	-----	320.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Memorial Day	-----	50.00	-----	-----	50.00	-----	-----	-----	-----
Advertising	-----	500.00	-----	-----	487.43	-----	12.57	-----	-----

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS--Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '29	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to Revenue	Balances Dec. 31, '29	Overdrafts Dec. 31, '29
Plans of Town -----	724.30							724.30	
Planning Board Expenses -----		25.00					25.00		
Reserve Fund -----		1,000.00				927.13	72.82		
Committee on Water System -----		500.00			343.36		156.64		
Cemeteries:									
Salaries and Expenses -----		1,275.00	20.20	331.61	1,278.36	16.74	331.71		
Repairs to Tomb -----		150.00		16.74	165.74		1.00		
Interest:									
Interest -----		5,850.00			6,411.02				561.02
Municipal Indebtedness:									
Maturing Debt -----		10,750.00			10,550.00				

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS—Continued

	Balances Jan. 1, '29	Appro- priation	Receipts	Transfers	Expend- itures	Transfers	Balances transferred to	
							Revenue	Overdrafts Dec. 31, 2)
Agency:								
State Tax	---	5,100.00	---	---	5,100.00	---	---	---
Highway Tax	---	109.07	---	---	109.07	---	---	---
Auditing	---	436.45	---	---	436.45	---	---	---
County Tax	---	11,591.14	---	---	11,591.14	---	---	---
Refunds:								
Highway:								
Power Grader	---	---	48.06	---	48.06	---	---	---
Lagoon Road, Oiling and Repairs	---	---	20.00	---	20.00	---	---	---
Public Welfare	---	---	95.00	---	95.00	---	---	---
Recreation:								
Parks	---	---	2.24	---	2.24	---	---	---
Total	Cr. Bal. \$19,217.37	\$260,476.64	\$185.50	\$13,235.26	\$263,557.74	\$12,433.00	\$5,447.65	\$6,490.87
Total	Dr. Bal. \$283.26							\$1,082.05

Auditor's Report

To the Board of Selectmen,

Mr. Micheal J. Keegan, Chairman,

Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1929, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. The report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Accountant of this Division.

Very truly yours,

Theodore N. Waddell,

Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,
Director of Accounts,
Department of Corporations and Taxation,
State House, Boston, Mass.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Oak Bluffs for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1929, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts in the accountant's office were examined and checked in detail. The records of receipts were checked with the departmental reports and with the treasurer's books; and the recorded disbursements were checked with the warrants and with the records of payments in the treasurer's office.

The appropriation accounts were examined and checked with the town clerk's records of appropriations voted in town meeting, the transfers from the reserve fund were verified with the records of the finance committee, and the original vouchers on file were examined and checked with the warrants.

The accountant's ledger was analyzed, a trial balance taken off, proving the ledger to be in balance, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1929.

In examining the ledger accounts, it was found that several accounts have been overdrawn, contrary to the provisions of Section 31, Chapter 44, General Laws, which reads as follows:

No department of any city or town, except Boston, shall incur liability in excess of the appropriation made for the use of such department, except in cases of extreme emergency involving the health or safety of persons or property, and then only by a vote in a city of two thirds of the members of the city council, and in a town by a vote of two thirds of the selectmen.

Attention is also called to Section 62, Chapter 44, General Laws, as amended, which reads as follows:

Any city, town or district officer who knowingly violates, or authorizes or directs any official or employee to violate, any provision of this chapter, or any other provision of general law relating to the incurring of liability or expenditure of public funds on account of any city, town or district, or any provision of special law relating to the incurring of liability or expenditure of public funds as aforesaid, shall, except as otherwise provided, be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both; and the mayor, selectmen, prudential committee, or commissioners, shall, and five taxpayers may, report such violation to the district attorney who shall investigate and prosecute the same.

In addition to the existing overdrafts, the accountant held unpaid bills of 1929 of the Park Department amounting to \$374.69.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked, the recorded receipts being compared with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments

were checked with the warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the accountant's books. The cash balance was verified by a reconciliation with a statement furnished by the banks of deposit.

The payments on account of debt were checked with the cancelled securities on file.

The petty cash advance made to the library department was examined, and the cash on hand verified by actual count.

The savings bank books, representing the investments of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer, were examined and checked with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the collector of taxes were examined and checked in detail. The commitments for the levy of 1929, together with the several commitments for motor vehicle excise taxes, were analyzed and verified with the warrants issued for their collection. The recorded collections for the levies of 1927, 1928 and 1929 were checked with the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the abatements were verified by a comparison with the records of abatements granted by the assessors and the outstanding accounts were listed and verified by a comparison with the accountant's books.

A further verification of the outstanding accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The tax titles held by the town were examined and checked with the accountant's books.

The accounts receivable of the town hall, highway, health, public welfare and fire departments were examined and checked. The recorded payments were compared with the treasurer's records, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's books.

The town clerk's records of licenses issued for dog and of hunting and fishing licenses were examined, and the payments to the county and the State, respectively, were verified with receipts and cancelled checks on file.

The records of receipts of the selectmen, scaler of weights and measures, tennis courts, schools, libraries, and cemeteries were examined and checked, the payments to the treasurer being verified by a comparison with the treasurer's books.

The surety bonds given by the treasurer, tax collector, and town clerk for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the tables mentioned there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the tax accounts and departmental receipts.

For the courtesies extended and the co-operation received from the several town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, in behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. FENTON,

Chief Accountant.

RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance January 1, 1929	\$ 15,239.10	
Receipts	358,273.65	
	<u> </u>	\$373,512.75
Payments	\$ 359,824.91	
Balance, Martha's Vineyard National Bank, December 31, 1929	13,687.84	
	<u> </u>	\$373,512.75

MARTHA'S VINEYARD NATIONAL BANK

Balance December 31, 1929, per statement,	\$ 15,492.90	
Balance December 31, 1929, per check book,	\$ 13,687.84	
Outstanding checks December 31, 1929, per list	1,805.06	
	<u> </u>	\$ 15,492.90

MARTHA'S VINEYARD NATIONAL BANK

Bond and Coupon Account

Balance December 31, 1929, per statement	\$ 71.25
Outstanding cupons December 31, 1929, per list,	\$ 71.25

TAXES—1927

Outstanding January 1, 1929, per ledger,	\$ 439.41
Adjustments:	
Abatements after payment	41.41

Abatements on property held by tax title	.83	
Overpayment to treasurer, to be adjusted	2.08	
	<hr/>	\$ 483.73
Payments to treasurer	\$ 280.84	
Abatements	187.11	
Tax titles on taxes 1927, reported as taxes 1928	6.61	
Outstanding December 31, 1929, per list	9.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 483.73

TAXES—1928

Due from collector, per previous audit	\$ 1.99	
Cash on hand January 1, 1929, per previous audit	1,582.56	
Outstanding January 1, 1929	17,792.58	
Adjustments:		
Tax titles on taxes 1927 reported as taxes 1928	6.61	
Error in crediting tax titles,	.01	
Errors in abatements,	3.30	
Overpayment to collector, adjusted	.70	
	<hr/>	\$ 19,387.75
Payments to treasurer	\$ 18,656.42	
Abatements	471.36	
Tax Titles taken by town	149.22	
Adjustments:		
To correct outstanding list of January 1, 1929,	10.00	
Transferred to tax titles in 1929	69.30	
Outstanding December 31, 1929	31.45	
	<hr/>	\$ 19,387.75

TAXES—1929

Commitment per warrant	\$144,159.95
Additional commitment	133.71
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	\$144,293.66

Adjustments:

Commitment list in excess of warrants	.99
Overpayment to treasurer, to be refunded	100.03
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	\$144,394.68

Payments to treasurer	\$123,177.94
Abatements	362.44

Adjustments:

Error in reporting abatements	.40
Added to tax titles	272.85
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1929, per list	20,581.05
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	\$144,394.68

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES—1929

Commitments per warrants	\$4,775.48
Overpayments to treasurer, to be refunded	1.86
Abatements after payment, refunded	17.73
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	\$4,795.07
Payments to treasurer	\$3,908.79
Abatements	287.00
Outstanding December 31, 1929	599.28
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	\$4,795.07

INTEREST ON DEFERRED TAXES

Due from collector, January 1, 1929,		
per previous audit	\$.08
Cash on hand January 1, 1929		12.52
Collections:		
Levy of 1927	\$20.34	
Levy of 1928	649.65	
Levy of 1929	44.97	
Motor vehicle excise		
taxes, 1929	10.99	
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		\$738.55
Payments to treasurer	\$738.47	
Due from collector, December 31, 1929	.08	
	<hr/>	\$738.55

COLLECTOR'S COSTS

Collections:		
Levy of 1927	\$3.25	
Levy of 1928	15.66	
	<hr/>	\$18.91
Payments to treasurer		\$18.91

TAX TITLES

On hand January 1, 1929	\$2,352.33
Tax sales:	
Levy of 1927	\$6.61
Levy of 1928	142.60
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	149.21

Interest, costs, etc.	79.38	
Added to tax titles:		
Levy of 1928	\$69.30	
Levy of 1929	272.85	
	<hr/>	342.15
Tax title sales surplus	218.74	
	<hr/>	\$3,141.81
 Tax titles redeemed	 \$52.13	
Tax titles sales, Section 79, Chapter 60	270.00	
Adjustment of tax titles sold for less than amount of deed	7.35	
On hand December 31, 1929	2,812.33	
	<hr/>	\$3,141.81

SELECTMEN'S LICENSES AND PERMITS

Licenses issued:

Junk	\$50.00
Amusement	60.00
Car agents	10.00
Garage registration	3.00
Auctioneer	6.00
Intelligence	4.00
Checking	5.00
Oleo	1.00
Shellfish	42.00
Eel pots	6.00
Sunday	95.00
Innholders'	44.00
Common Victuallers'	28.00
Transient vendors'	1,015.00
Public vehicle	64.00

Baggage	6.00
Manicure	5.00
Theatre	150.00
Dance hall	50.00
Shooting gallery	5.00
Bowling	21.00

 \$1,670.00

Payments to treasurer

\$1,670.00

DOG LICENSES

Licenses issued:

136 @ \$2.00	\$272.00
24 @ \$5.00	120.00

 \$392.00

 Payments to county treasurer, per
 receipts on file

\$326.40

Town clerk's fees, 160 @ 20c 32.00

Cash on hand December 31, 1929 16.12

Due from town clerk Dec. 31, 1929 17.48

 \$392.00

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Due Department of Conservation,

January 1, 1929 \$37.50

Licenses issued:

9 @ \$5.25	\$47.25
2 @ \$5.00	10.00
159 @ \$2.25	357.75
4 @ .50	2.00

 417.00

 \$454.50

Payments to Department of Conservation, per receipts on file	\$393.20	
Town clerk's fees:		
168 @ 25c	\$42.00	
2 @ 15c	.30	
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Due Department of Conservation		
December 31, 1929	\$19.00	
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Due Department of Conservation		
January 1, 1930	\$19.00	
Licenses issued January 1 to 4, 1930:		
78 @ \$2.25	175.50	
	<hr/>	\$194.50
Town clerk's fees:		
78 @ 25c	\$19.50	
Cash on hand Jan. 4, 1930 (verified)	175.00	
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TOWN HALL ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Commitment	\$75.00
Payments to treasurer	\$75.00

HIGHWAY ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Commitments	\$170.00
Payments to treasurer	\$132.00
Outstanding December 31, 1929, per list	38.00
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	\$170.00

HEALTH ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929, per ledger	\$316.43	
Commitments	10.00	
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		\$326.43
Payments to treasurer	\$316.43	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1929, per list	10.00	
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		\$326.43

PUBLIC WELFARE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1929, per ledger	\$1,650.33	
Commitments	1,583.61	
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		\$3,233.94
Payments to treasurer	\$1,828.71	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1929, per list	1,405.23	
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		\$3,233.94

CEMETERIES

Receipts 1929:		
Sales	\$75.00	
Burial fees	141.00	
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		\$216.00
Payments to treasurer	\$195.00	
Due from Chairman of Cemetery		
Commissioners Dec. 31, 1929	21.00	
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		\$216.00

TENNIS COURTS

Rentals		\$564.75
Payments to treasurer		\$564.75

LIBRARY

Due from librarian January 1, 1929	\$15.89	
Fines and fees	551.40	
		<u>\$567.29</u>
Payments to treasurer	\$547.89	
Due from librarian December 31, 1929,		
(paid treasurer January 1, 1930)	19.40	
		<u>\$567.29</u>

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Due from sealer January 1, 1929	\$.33	
Fees for sealing	34.46	
		<u>\$34.79</u>
Payments to treasurer	\$34.46	
Due from sealer December 31, 1929	.33	
		<u>\$34.79</u>

REBECCA CLARK PUBLIC WELFARE FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year 1929	\$1,275.61	\$1,275.61
On hand at end of year 1929	\$1,275.61	\$1,275.61
Receipts		Payments
Income	\$64.54	Transferred to town
		\$64.54

ANNA K. BARBEY PUBLIC WELFARE FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits		Total
On hand at beginning of year 1929	\$5,430.15		\$5,430.15
On hand at end of year 1929	\$5,430.15		\$5,430.15
Receipts		Payments	
Income	\$274.88	Transferred to town	\$274.88

ICHABOD NORTON PUBLIC WELFARE FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits		Total
On hand at beginning of year 1929	\$947.17		\$947.17
On hand at end of year 1929	\$947.17		\$947.17
Receipts		Payments	
Income	\$47.93	Transferred to town	\$47.93

ANNA K. BARBEY SCHOOL FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits		Total
On hand at beginning of year 1929	\$11,556.89		\$11,556.89
On hand at end of year 1929	\$12,057.45		\$12,057.45
Receipts		Payments	
Income	\$467.21	Added to savings deposits	\$500.56
Bequest	33.35		
	\$500.56		\$500.56

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total	
On hand at beginning of year 1929	\$3,551.66	\$3,551.66	
On hand at end of year 1929	\$3,329.53	\$3,329.53	
Receipts	Payments		
Withdrawn from			
Savings Bank	\$222.13	Transferred to town	\$381.61
Income	\$159.48		
	<u>\$381.61</u>		<u>\$381.61</u>

CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND
OLD FAMILY BURIAL GROUND

	Savings Bank Deposits	Total	
On hand at beginning of year 1929	\$500.00	\$500.00	
On hand at end of year 1929	\$500.00	\$500.00	
Receipts		Payments	
Income	\$20.20	Transferred to town	\$20.20

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1929

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash:

In Bank	\$ 13,687.84	
Library—Petty Cash	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 13,702.84

Accounts Receivable:

Taxes:

Levy of 1927	\$ 7.09	
Levy of 1928	31.45	
Levy of 1929	20,481.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 20,519.56

Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1929	597.42
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Tax Titles held by Town	2,812.33
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Departmental:

Health	\$ 10.00	
Highway	38.00	
Public Welfare	1,405.23	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
Soldiers' Burials,	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,553.23

Overlay Deficit:

Levy of 1927 (to be provided for in 1930)	23.09
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Overdrawn Accounts (to be appropriated:

Health Department Expenses	\$ 92.89	
Lagoon Road, Oiling and Repairs	.75	
School Teachers' and Janitors'		
Salaries	412.17	
Waterfront Steps	.53	
Public Beaches	14.69	
Interest	561.02	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,082.05
		<hr/>
		\$ 40,290.52

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Unexpended Balances:

Rebuilding New York and Lake		
Avenues	\$ 75.55	
Dredging Lake Anthony	5,000.00	
Cement Wall and Improvement,		
Waterfront	.02	
Plans of Town	724.30	
World War Memorial	700.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,499.37

Tax Titles Sales Surplus	218.74
Reserve for Library Petty Cash Fund	15.00

Revenue Reserved until Collected:

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$ 597.42	
Tax Titles	2,812.33	
Departmental	1,553.23	
	<hr/>	\$ 4,962.98

Overlays Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:

Levy of 1928	\$ 31.45	
Levy of 1929	1,262.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,294.06

Reserve Fund, Overlay Surplus	969.67
Surplus Revenue	26,330.20
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	\$ 40,290.52

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$ 134,200.00
	\$ 134,200.00

Bulkhead on Waterfront Loan	\$11,400.00
New York Avenue Loan	7,600.00
Cement Wall and Improvement, Waterfront Loan	21,200.00
Park Land Loan	70,000.00
Bulkhead on Atlantic Avenue Loan	24,000.00
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	\$134,200.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	\$23,539.91	
	<hr/>	\$ 23,539.91
Rebecca Clash Public Welfare Fund	\$ 1,275.61	
Anna K. Barbey Public Welfare Fund	5,430.15	
Ichabod Norton Public Welfare Fund	947.17	
	<hr/>	\$ 7,652.93
Anna K. Barbey School Fund		12,057.45
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds		3,829.53
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		\$ 23,539.91

Report of Town Clerk

RETURNS OF BIRTHS RECORDED DURING THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1929

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
1928			
February 16	Frances Lee Blankenship	F	Frank F. and Doris L.
" 26	Arthur C. Gelinas	M	Arthur C. and Gertrude E.
" 26	Allen B. Gelinas	F	Bartholomew and Sybil
April 25	Lillian Vera Ricci	F	Bert L. and Irene
May 1	Bert Leland Merrill, Jr.	M	Lee J. and Anna M.
" 19	— — — — —	M	Manuel S. and Louise W.
" 25	Charles E. S. Roberts	M	
June 3		F	
" 20	Janet L. Avery	F	Chester S. and Marion
July 6	James G. Ogden, 3d	M	James G., Jr. and Dorothy
" 11		M	
October 8	Cassandra Rosa	F	Jose L. and Julia G.
" 20	Herbert Alton Landers	M	Ernest J. and Bessie
December 24	Phyllis L. Amaral	F	William R. and Nellie
1929			
January 16		M	
February 3	John Dermott O'Connell	M	Francis J. and Beatrice L.
" 7	Mary D. Canha	F	Manuel and Doris
" 13	Virginia Donaldson Cahoon	F	Kenneth E. and Zilpha
" 15	Lorraine Irene Rogers	F	Otis A. and Mary E.
" 17	Lillian Audry Smith	F	Leroy C. and Leah J.
March 7	Joyce West	F	Richard A. and Ann
" 27	Martha Ellen Bridge	F	Harold and Lois
" 28	Eileen Walker Sibley	F	Luther M. and Lucretia H.
April 4	Frank Alwardt, Jr.	M	Frank and Lottie
" 15	Shirley Fay Stevens	F	Herbert and May
" 24	James Arthur Wagner	M	Arthur and Lillian
" 24	Harriett Dorothy Ferreira	F	John and Mary
May 9		M	
" 10	Carl Silvia, Jr.	M	Carl and Julia
" 11	Anna Lee Luce	F	Russell and Bertha
" 18	Harriett Jeanette Lewis	F	Edward A. and Helen M.
" 24	Victoria May Duart	F	Joseph F. and Frances C.
" 27	Ruth Elizabeth Pratt	F	Norman L. and Ethel
" 29	Paul Lawrence Andrews	M	Joseph G. and Evelyn H.
" 30	Richard Joseph DeBettencourt	M	John A. and Marion J.
June 7	Louise West Sullivan	F	Sydney Y. and Sarah
" 7	Carolyn Allen Ripley	F	Walter C. and Laura
" 7	Marshall John McDonough, Jr.	M	Marshall J. and Florence K.
" 12	Hilda Correia	F	John F. and Augustina
" 20	Edith Aileen Stanley	F	Benjamin W. and Edith
" 23	Margery Hope Searle	F	Leland P. and Emma
" 30	Abba Baptiste	F	Joseph and Gertrude

BIRTHS Continued

DATE	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
July	9 Claire Shirley Darling	F	William L. and Dorothy L.
"	10 Ralph Duarte Sylvia	M	Antone D. and Betty
"	23 Elizabeth Santos	F	Joseph H. and Caroline F.
"	25 John A. Bernard	M	Joseph and Mary
"	26 Anne Lucille DeBettencourt	F	William N. and Mary
"	27 Annette Peterson Norton	F	Winthrop E. and Mildred E.
"	30 Nancy Ann Look	F	C. Stetson and Agatha
August	1 Maurice Ferreira	M	Joseph and Elsie P.
"	2 ——— Combra	F	Joseph P. and Ruth M.
"	5 ——— Norton	F	Samuel B. and Mildred
"	19 Arthur Duchaine	M	Adelard and Bernadette
"	31 Nancy Elizabeth Flanders	F	Kenneth A. and Mary
September	4 William Porritt Whiting, Jr.	M	William P. and Evelyn M.
"	11 Earl C. Laidlaw	M	Earl and Alfreda N.
"	11 James Munroe Look	M	Stanley M. and Helen
"	12 ———	F	
"	13 Agnes May Pells	F	Shirley and Mildred
"	15 Herbert Russell Hancock	M	Hariph and Marion
"	19 Priscilla May Earl	F	Albert H., Jr. and Mary J.
"	20 Walter Ramon Silvia	M	Mark and Rose
"	23 ——— Brothers	M	Charles L. and Mary E.
"	24 William Alexander Bernard, Jr.	M	William A. and Joanna
October	5 Alden Lewis Rogers	M	Eugene F. and Lita
"	10 Robert James Shannon	M	William J. and Emma
"	20 ——— Allen	F	Albert and Nora
"	21 Roberta Priscila Mills	F	John R. and Eunice H.
"	24 Elizabeth Gale	F	Allen and Mary
November	4 Jerome Healy	M	Jerome A. and Irene
"	9 George Durant Jackson	M	George D. and Olive
"	10 Eileen Caroline Sylvia	F	Albert E., Jr. and Celia E.
"	12 Christina Anderson Pachico	F	William J. and Christina
"	20 George Martin Duart	M	Frank S. and Charlotte
"	28 Patricia Mary Brown	F	Raymond E. and Mary T.
December	3 Beatrice Costa	F	Joseph F. and Antonia
"	5 Francis Regan	M	Peter and Mary
"	11 ——— Cournoyer	F	Edward and Mary
"	20 ——— Humphreys	F	Argie and Bernice
"	23 Robert Leland Renear	M	Leland W. and Mary B.

MARRIAGES

DATE	NAMES	AGE	RESIDENCE
Jan. 29	Francis J. Phillips	20	Oak Bluffs, Mass.
	Myrtle A. Willoughby	15	Edgartown, Mass.
Feb. 25	Albert H. Earl, Jr.	25	Oak Bluffs
	Mary J. Henrique	24	Oak Bluffs
March 4	Daniel Alisio	25	Tisbury, Massachusetts
	Priscilla Luce	21	Tisbury, Mass.
May 18	Herman G. Johnson	31	Oak Bluffs
	Mary E. Gousalves	25	Oak Bluffs
June 27	Leopold G. Goulet	25	Oak Bluffs
	Eleanor M. Ripley	28	Oak Bluffs
July 31	James K. Smith	24	Cincinnati, Ohio
	Thelma A. Garland	26	Baltimore, Maryland
Aug. 16	Arnold C. Gardner	59	New Bedford, Mass.
	Agnes L. M. Holmes	38	Jacksonville, Florida
Sept. 7	Calvin Alfred Austin	21	West Tisbury, Mass.
	Hilda Fries	21	West Tisbury, Mass.
" 10	Raymond E. Brown	20	Oak Bluffs
	Mary T. Medeiros	17	Oak Bluffs
" 28	Robert T. Colburn	28	Holliston, Mass.
	Helen Pearson	24	Oak Bluffs
Oct. 4	Clement N. Amaral	28	Oak Bluffs
	Vera E. Stoddard	28	Oak Bluffs
" 10	Joseph P. Combra	40	Oak Bluffs
	Ruth M. Westgate	31	Oak Bluffs
Nov. 18	Benjamin F. Amaral	24	Oak Bluffs
	Frances L. Sullivan	20	Oak Bluffs
" 28	Donat Suprenaut	26	Oak Bluffs
	Ethel M. Campbell	19	Oak Bluffs

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	AGE			CAUSE OF DEATH
		Y	M	D	
January	5 Rachel Bull	69	2	19	Carcinoma of Uterus
"	5 Joseph Pina	47			Pulmonary Tuberculosis
"	16 Stillborn				
"	17 Agnes M. Taylor	95	9	12	Lobar Pneumonia
"	30 Percy S. Tilton	34		5	Influenza
March	15 B. Frank Reynolds	73	11	10	Endocarditis
"	16 Annie Pease	87	9	28	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	19 Lucia Sackett	88	9	20	Primary Broncho-Pneumonia
"	22 Anna Robinson	7	1	25	Fracture Base of Skull
"	29 Charles F. Place	77	8	13	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	30 Eliza C. F. Crocker	68	4	16	Intestinal Obstruction
April	14 Lydia A. Pease	88		18	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	16 Henry M. Rochester	59	10	4	Lobar Pneumonia
"	21 Rosetta Madison	67	9	6	Uterine Carcinoma
"	28 John DeSouza Luiz	22	11		Accidental Drowning
"	28 Richard Webb	17	11	22	Accidental Drowning
May	9 Stillborn				
"	12 Mary Elizabeth Bacon	83	3	13	Arterio-Sclerosis
"	19 Emma B. Cottle	60	2	12	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	21 Clofus L. Gonyon	85	5	14	Arterio-Sclerosis
"	28 Ruthie E. Landers	68	5	13	Grippe (Endocarditis)
"	31 Florence S. Pease	77	10	23	Carcinoma of Bladder
June	8 George F. Mayhew	72	2	7	Cirrhosis of Liver
"	17 Elizabeth B. Marchant	68	3	8	General Peritonitis
July	13 Manuel T. Barboza	17	8	29	Epilepsy
"	17 Elizabeth Stanley	80	11	4	Arterio-Sclerosis
August	3 John D. O'Connell			6	Safety Pin in Trachea (Pneumonia)
"	15 Maude L. Warner	55	11	3	Diabetes Mellitus
"	31 Horace A. Tilton	81	8	12	Fracture of Femur and Hip
September	1 Nellie E. Kendall	59	11	17	Uterine Carcinoma
"	9 Abbie Brewster Thorndike	80	10	5	Cerebral Hemorrhage
"	12 Stillborn				
"	13 Patrick J. Kennedy	68	5	25	Fatty Degeneration of Heart
"	14 Emma M. Garlicks	86	8	4	Myocardial Failure
"	26 Jerome Gonsalves, Jr.		10	13	Acute Bronchitis
October	10 Manuel A. Vincent	90	1	20	Fatty Degeneration of Heart
"	23 Edward A. Perry	77	9	29	Melano Sarcoma of Kidney
"	28 Laura P. Jordan	51	1	15	Peritonitis
"	31 Melvin W. Tilton	70	3	8	Acute Intestinal Obstruction
November	8 Grace M. Osborne	44	5	11	Peritonitis
"	18 Sara Walker	16	8	2	Broncho-pneumonia
December	1 Polly H. Lewis	88	2	13	Lobar Pneumonia
"	19 Annie B. Higgins	80	2	14	Hypostatic Pneumonia
"	20 Agnes C. Mayhew	80			Arterio-Sclerosis

SUMMARY OF RETURNS

The following are statistics of Births, Marriages and Deaths recorded during the year 1929:

Births:

Males	37
Females	43
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Total	80

Marriages:

Total	14
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Deaths:

Resident	23
Non-Resident	22
	—
Total	45

DOG TAX LICENSE ACCOUNT—1929

136 Males at \$2.00	\$272.00	
24 Females at \$5.00	120.00	
	—	
Total		\$392.00
160 Clerk's Fees at 20c	\$ 32.00	
Paid to County Treasurer	360.00	
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Total		\$392.00

JOHN MILLER,

Town Clerk.

Report of Finance Committee

Report and Recommendations of the Finance Committee for the Year 1930:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Moderator		\$15.00
Selectmen:		
Salaries	\$1,200.00	
Expenses	600.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,800.00
Accountant:		
Salary	\$2,000.00	
Expenses	50 .00	
	<hr/>	2,050.00
Treasurer:		
Salary	\$600.00	
Expenses	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$750.00
Collector of Taxes:		
Salary	\$850.00	
Expenses	365.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,215.00
Assessors:		
Salaries	\$300.00	
Expenses	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,150.00
Town Counsel:		
Services	\$75.00	
Expenses	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$100.00

Town Clerk:

Salary	\$300.00	
Expenses	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$700.00

Board of Registrars:

Salaries	\$300.00	
Expenses	250.00	
	<hr/>	\$550.00

Town Buildings, Incidental repairs and supplies	\$100.00
Town Buildings, Specific repairs	\$800.00
Rent of Hall, Town Meeting purposes	\$300.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:

Chief of Police, Salary	\$1,500.00	
Night Watchman	1,460.00	
Patrolmen	1,600.00	
Expenses	400.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,960.00

Fire Department:

Chief of Engineers, Salary	\$100.00
Assistant Engineer, Salary	200.00
Supt. of Alarm and Care of Batteries	300.00
Firemen	800.00
Fighting Forest Fires	250.00
Forest Warden, Salary	50.00
Contingent Expenses	3,517.00
Hydrant Rental	2,940.00
Fire Lines	700.00
New Hose	1,000.00

New Apparatus	5,000.00	
New Doors and Heat, Highland House	325.00	
New Box, County Road	225.00	
	<hr/>	\$15,407.00

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Sealer:

Salary	\$100.00	
Expenses	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$250.00

Forestry Department:

Moth Extermination	\$600.00	
Tree Warden, Salary	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$625.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health, Salaries	\$150.00	
Board of Health, Agent, Salary	150.00	
Collection of Swill, Garbage and Rubbish	3,500.00	
Care of Dump	600.00	
Public Sanitariums, New Comfort Station	8,000.00	
Public Sanitariums, care of	500.00	
Cleaning Catch Basins	250.00	
Sweeping Streets	1,000.00	
Incinerator	2,500.00	
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary	50.00	
Inspector of Animals, Salary	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$16,750.00

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Concrete Roads	\$8,000.00	
Repairs to Dirt Roads	3,500.00	
Sea View Avenue, Oiling	2,000.00	
New Sidewalk, from Church's Market to Commercial Ave., (Provided necessary releases to be obtained)	2,500.00	
Bulkheads and Bridges	1,600.00	
Building Catch Basins and Drains	750.00	
Removal of Snow	500.00	
Truck repairs and supplies	1,000.00	
	<hr/>	\$19,850.00
Street Lighting		\$10,000.00
Purchase of Land for Municipal purposes		\$1,000.00
Harbor Master:		
Salary	\$100.00	
Expenses	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$150.00

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Dependent Persons	\$10,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	\$48.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

School Department:	
School Committee, Salaries	\$225.00
School Committee, Sec'y., Salary	100.00
Superintendent, Salary	875.00
Physician, Salary	100.00
Nurse, Salary	525.00

Dental Clinic	50.00	
Teachers and Janitor, Salaries	20,500.00	
General Expenses	4,500.00	
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		\$26,875.00
Library Department:		
Public Library		\$1,200.00

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED

Park Department:

Public Parks	\$4,500.00	
Maintenance of Tennis Courts	800.00	
Repairs to Concrete Walks in Parks	500.00	
Repairs to Band Stand	200.00	
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		\$6,000.00

Unclassified:

Town Reports	\$325.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
Advertising	500.00	
Amusements	2,500.00	
Planning Board, Expenses	25.00	
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	
To remedy sanitary conditions in		
Sunset Lake and vicinity, to		
be expended under Board		
of Health	1,000.00	
Overlay Deficit, 1927	23.09	
Overdrawn accounts, 1929	1,082.05	
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		\$6,505.14

CEMETERIES

Chairman of Board, Salary	\$ 75.00	
Care of Cemetery	1,500.00	
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		\$1,575.00

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

Interest	\$ 7,900.00
Maturing Debt	16,350.00
	<hr/> \$154,975.14

The Committee also recommend the transfer of care of Sunset Lake from Park Department to the Board of Health.

That places of business be charged for collection of their rubbish.

That the Soldiers' Monument be moved from its present location to a more suitable place.

CARROLL J. DARLING,

Chairman, Finance Committee.

Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dukes County, ss.

To either of the constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote in town affairs and elections to assemble at the Columbus Club, Wamsutta Avenue in said Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, February 11, 1930, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose the following named officers:

A Selectman and a Member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years.

A Town Clerk for one year.

A Treasurer for one year.

A Collector of Taxes for one year.

A member of the School Committee for three years.

A Park Commissioner for three years.

A Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

A Member of the Planning Board for five years.

A Chief of Police for one year.

A Night Watchman for one year.

Two Constables for one year.

A Tree Warden for one year.

And to vote upon the following question:

Shall the Town vote to have its Selectmen appoint the Chief of Police? Said appointment to commence in the year 1931.

And to vote upon the following question:

Shall the Town vote to have its Selectmen appoint the Night Watchman? Said appointment to commence in the year 1931.

The Polls for the reception of votes on the aforesaid officers and questions will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon of Wednesday, February 12th, 1930, and will close at two o'clock in the afternoon unless a later hour be determined at said meeting.

Article 3. To choose all other necessary town officers.

Article 4. To have the reports of the Selectmen and other boards and committees.

Article 5. To see what sums of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the payment of town debts and necessary expenses of the several departments for the current year, and to hear the report and recommendations of the finance committee.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the assessors to remit all taxes as can not, in their judgment, be collected.

Article 8. To see if the town will authorize the collector to use all means of collecting taxes that a town treasurer, when appointed collector, may use.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to pay firemen the ensuing year.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money on or after January 1, 1931, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1931, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year any debt incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1931.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the construction of a Comfort Station by and upon petition of the board of health. Recommended by the finance committee.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a certain parcel of land to be used for certain municipal purposes. Recommended by the finance committee.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the board of health to build an incinerator for the disposal of refuse. Recommended by the finance committee.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to issue license or permits for moving picture exhibitions on Sundays in accordance with Section 4, Chapter 136, General Laws, and amendments thereto. (as petitioned.)

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Cottage City Water Company to install a hydrant at the corner of County Road and Eastville Avenue, said hydrant to be based upon the yearly rental plan. Recommended by the finance committee.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to install a hydrant and suitable water main on the Beach Road near the property of Stanley M. Seamon and others, the main to be of a size suitable to provide adequate water service for the present residences and future proposed development, the said hydrant to be based upon the yearly rental plan. (as petitioned).

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to accept Canonicus Avenue, as laid out by the selectmen.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the 1888 lay-out of Masonic Avenue and vote to accept the re-lay-out as now made by the selectmen.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to appoint a committee to investigate and recommend to the next annual town meeting what action the town should take in regard to the establishment of a town forest. Request of Massachusetts Forestry Association.

Article 20. To see what action the town will take in the matter of care and maintenance of the public bathing beaches for the coming season.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to move the soldier's monument from its present site to a more suitable location. Recommended by the finance committee.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to place three street lights on Lagoon Road between Norris Avenue and County Road. (as petitioned.)

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Franklin Avenue near the residence of Joseph Baptiste, as petitioned.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on the Beach Road near the residence of Dr. Paul Lynch, as petitioned.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to place a street light on Warwick Avenue near the residence of Mrs. Isabelle Kibby, as petitioned.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to place three street lights on Towonticut Avenue between New York and Eastville Avenues, as petitioned.

Article 27. To hear the report of the special committee appointed by the town to investigate and report upon the water situation, and to act thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to instruct the assessors to use free cash in the treasury when determining the tax rate for the current year.

Hereof fail not and give public notice by causing this warrant to be posted in three public places in the town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

And make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk at the time and place specified.

Given under our hands this First day of February, A. D., 1930.

MICHAEL J. KEEGAN,
NORMAN L. PRATT,
JOHN B. BULLINGS,

Selectmen of Oak Bluffs.

Pursuant to the above instructions, I hereby notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Oak Bluffs, qualified to vote as expressed in the warrant, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose specified.

A true copy,

Attest:

JOHN J. FLORIE, Notary.

Oak Bluffs, February 4, 1930.

Report of the Library Trustees

The Library Trustees submit the report of the Librarian showing the increased circulation in each department of the Public Library and wish at this time to thank all who have in any way contributed to the Library either by gifts or loans; also wish to thank the Librarian for her interest and co-operation both with the Trustees and the Public.

WALTER C. RIPLEY,
ELIZABETH RICE,
HERBERT A. EDDY,
Library Trustees.

Report of the Public Librarian

To The Library Trustees:

The Librarian has the pleasure to submit the following report for the past year:

The total circulation of books and magazines is 17,334, divided thusly:

Adult Fiction	8,087
Juvenile Fiction	2,620
Adult Non-fiction	911
Juvenile Non-fiction	309
2 cent Adult Fiction	3,989
Magazines	1,418
Total	17,334

140 new books catalogued. 568 summer visitors purchased cards.

Books and magazines have been donated by 36 interested friends who have our sincere thanks.

A picture of Abraham Lincoln was given by Mrs. Nannie B. Perry.

We subscribe for 29 magazines and have 6 given to us.

The Division of Public Libraries loaned us about 30 volumes of non-fiction which were used between three and five months to the great satisfaction of our summer guests.

The Club ladies come to us often for assistance and if we have not the necessary material we send to Boston and New Bedford Libraries.

Each year the public school students' patronage is greater, enhancing our usefulness.

Our discarded magazines are distributed to Seaman's Bethel, Vineyard Haven, and the Domestic Science Branch of our school.

It is a source of satisfaction to know that the success of the Library in the community is assured, and that growth steadily increasing can conscientiously be recorded.

The Librarian appreciates all courtesies and again extends thanks to all who have in any way contributed to our progress and pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL A. MAYHEW,

Librarian.

ANNUAL



SCHOOL REPORT

1929

Report of School Committee

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 24, 1930.

School Committee's Report of Progress in the Growth of our School, Especially the High School.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Oak
Bluffs:

Greetings:

Another year has passed, another decade has been closed and we have started the work of the new year, 1930, with a favorable outlook for success. When we look backward over the years gone by we see many things to feel proud of at the present time when we contrast the opportunity for the education of the students in our schools today and the limitations of the past. We feel proud of our High School of today. We recall the time when we had *no High School*. When we think of the year when the "first year studies" of a High School was tried out by a willing, capable Principal, then, upon his resignation, a new Principal was elected by the Committee, then his *refusal* to teach the High School studies, and again we had no High School. Some time passed. Again an effort was made and succeeded for a time, but there were so few who attended that we came near losing it, but fortunately the Committee decided to continue the school for a while and today we have a school where students may fit for Normal Schools and Colleges. We have had students in past years and in recent years who have profited by the courses of study taught in our High School. Several students who graduated last year are attending institutions and colleges and we have good reports of them.

The Committee and the students in our schools owe all this to the willingness to co-operate with the Committee

and to the generosity of the officials and citizens of the Town, whose views are broad enough to give every advantage possible for the education of the children and youth of the Town. This is as it should be, and those who apply themselves to gain an education for business or some profession may make a position for themselves in the world if they will apply themselves to their studies and make a good start in their own High School.

As we have read over the fine reports of the work and activities in our schools, the ground work seems so completely, intelligently and comprehensively covered that there is little left for your Committee to say without repeating what is already placed before you by the Superintendent, Principal and Supervisors, except that there is need of another room at least for the Chemistry and laboratory work and probably a room for the "Opportunity Class". It would be a good plan perhaps if a suitable room could be found outside for the "Special" Class until a little later when we may know how many pupils will enter in September. It is possible that a canvass may be made later to determine the number of pupils who will arrive at the age for school entrance this Fall.

Thanking the Officials and Citizens of the Town for their courtesy and co-operation, we submit this brief report of your School Board. For further information you are referred to the reports of the Superintendent, Principal and heads of Departmental Work, for detailed reports of the several branches of school work.

Respectfully yours,

CLARENCE P. HAYDEN, Chairman,
MINNIE E. VINCENT, Seretary,
DR. CLEMENT NELSON AMARAL,

School Committee.

Superintendent's Report

To the School Committee and Citizens of Oak Bluffs:

I herewith submit my annual report as Superintendent of Schools, it being the twelfth of such reports that I have submitted. The reports of principal, music teacher, nurse, Household Arts Department and 4-H supervisor, are made a part of this report, to which I refer you for details of the year's work.

Retarded Pupils.

We always have in our schools pupils who are retarded or over age for their grade and to give these pupils the education best fitted for their capabilities is quite a problem. The reason for retardation may be mental, physical, or irregular attendance. Early in September we had a doctor and psychologist make examinations of all retarded pupils to ascertain the causes of such retardation and we are basing our instruction on their recommendations. In the three larger towns of the district we have established "opportunity" rooms for these pupils. In these rooms the work is graded to their abilities and much individual work is done. The regular work is supplemented with much hand work of various kinds. Some of these pupils we hope will be able to resume their places in their regular grades soon.

Parents, if you have a child who is not progressing as he should try to find out the reason. A physical examination may disclose defects of ear, eye, throat, or teeth **that may be the chief cause of retardation.** By looking at the child's attendance card you may find that the cause is irregular attendance. Many parents do not realize how much harm is done the child by his irregular attendance. Every day's attendance may be likened to the rounds of a ladder. If no rounds are missing it is easy climbing. If one is missing we can climb with much difficulty but if several rounds are missing it will be impossible to reach the top.

Clinics

Dental clinics were held during the year at Edgartown and Oak Bluffs and will soon be held in Vineyard Haven. The pupils from "Up Island" schools will be taken to one of these clinics. We have had a portable outfit that has been used but soon we expect to have permanent outfits.

Oak Bluffs now has a new room fitted for use of nurse and dentist. Through the generosity of the Doctor Watkins estate the complete outfit of the late Doctor Watkins has been given to the town. These dental clinics have been nearly self-supporting, the deficit being paid out of the Christmas Seal Sale Fund.

At the time of writing this report there is being held a hearing clinic in all the towns of the Island. The testing is being done by the Speech Readers Guild of Boston by the use of the Audiometer, a piece of apparatus that tests each ear separately and accurately. We hope by these tests to locate all pupils having hearing difficulties.

Teaching by Radio.

The time has now come with the perfection of the radio, to equip our schools with a good standard set. I believe that it is the cheapest way to get additional instruction in our schools, and at a low cost and this, too, by experts in science, history, music and other branches. Then there are national events that are from time to time being broadcast that are educational. At present there are programs of music appreciation each week by Walter Damrosch—also courses in history that are to begin on February 4th. I trust that before another year, some way will be found to equip every Island school. The cost compared to the benefits to be derived is very small.

The new school being built at Tisbury is already wired for the installation of a central set in the principal's office with outlets for speakers in each class room.

Two years ago to relieve the crowded conditions in our school we built a two-room building for grades one and two but by the time it was finished we were overcrowded again, and we made the carpenter shop into a school room. But we are still overcrowded. What is to be done? No doubt you who read this may have a solution, if so let us have it.

4-H Clubs

While not under direct supervision of the schools we co-operate in the work of the 4-H Clubs. For the first time the county now has a supervisor of the work and we are including her report.

Tercentenary.

This being the tercentenary of Massachusetts, plans are being made to celebrate the event appropriately in our schools. No doubt the closing exercises and graduations will have the tercentenary as the chief theme.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. MARTIN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Principal's Report

Oak Bluffs, Mass., January 16, 1930.

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to submit my annual report of the Oak Bluffs Schools for the year ending December 31, 1929.

The total enrollment of the number of pupils who entered school in September is 324. For total membership, average attendance and per cent of attendance in each grade and in the high school, please refer to the table of statistics.

Perfect attendance certificates are again awarded each term to those students who have been neither absent nor tardy. This has greatly increased our attendance as the records show.

There have been several changes in the teaching staff this year. Miss Mary Reed takes the place of Miss Belle Hayden as an assistant first grade teacher. Miss Mary Ogilvie replaces Miss Letha N. Hurd as teacher of English and Mathematics in the high school. Miss Margaret McDermott replaces Mrs. Mary C. De Bettencourt as instructor in commercial subjects. Mr. Willard Durgin re-

places Miss Bertha Veeder as a teacher of History and Geography in the seventh and eighth grades. An Opportunity Class has been formed with Miss Mary Plezia as teacher. The object of this class is to give special instruction in the various fundamental subjects to the students who need it. As soon as the students show that they can progress as fast as the majority of students in their respective grades, they are returned to their former rooms. The work done by the students in the Opportunity Class is very interesting. Part of the time is devoted to academic studies and part to handwork.

Owing to the crowded conditions in the school, several changes had to be made. The high school recitation room which was formerly located on the third floor of the building is now used by the Opportunity Class. The room which used to be the Medical Room on the first floor is now a high school recitation room. A new Medical Room has been built on the third floor and fully equipped, so that regular physical examinations of the pupils may take place. The dental clinic is also held there. A first aid medical cabinet has been put in the sixth grade room so that in case of accidents the students may receive immediate attention.

Two long work-benches have been built on the third floor and wood-working tools have been supplied. The boys in the handicraft department of the 4-H Club do carpentry work there after school under the direction of Mr. Willard Durgin. Every available space in the building is now being utilized and more room will be necessary next year.

Several lights have been put in the building. They are placed as follows: One in the lower corridor, one in the

upper corridor, one at the entrance to the Opportunity room, two in the carpenter shop, and two in the Medical room. I consider this a very great improvement.

In order to meet the new requirements for entrance into normal schools, colleges, and business institutions, some changes have been made in the College Preparatory and Commercial Courses. Two years of French are now being taught instead of three years. Chemistry will be taught in alternate years. Physical Geography will be taught a half year. Approximately one-half the time of the Freshman and Sophomore girls, who take the Commercial Course, is spent at the Cottage where nutrition, Home Management, Dietetic, and Home Nursing are taught in alternate years. Students of the College Preparatory Course who graduate with an average rank of 85 per cent or better, are automatically admitted to the State Normal Schools, and many colleges, without examination, providing that their personal characteristics are up to standard.

There has been an increasing tendency, during the past few years, on the part of graduates to further their education in institutions of higher learning. The citizens of the town may rightfully be interested to know this.

The high school pupils are again taking a great interest in the "point system" which was introduced last year. Points are given to students in scholarship, athletics, deportment, health, for participating in the speaking contest, in the high school play, and writing articles for the "Echo." In June class numerals will be awarded to the Freshman, Sophomore, Junor and Senior who has the highest number of points. The students, who were awarded their numerals last June were: Senior Class, Ellizabeth Madeiras, Junior Class, Claire McBride, Sophomore Class, Francis Becker, Freshman Class, Ruth Jordan and Eloise Leonard.

Great interest was manifested in the High School Speaking Contest which was held in the Methodist Church on December 6. All high school students were required to try out and ten were chosen for the final contest. The first prize of five dollars was awarded to Barbara Studley, the second prize of three dollars to Ruth Jordan, and third prize of two dollars to Eloise Leonard. All the students did well and deserve credit for their efforts. The judges were Dr. Alfred Fairbrother, Rev. Caleb Rotch and Attorney Francis X. Hurley. I hope this event will become an annual affair because I believe that self confidence is attained by appearing before the public.

Last year we were again successful in basketball. The high school girls won every scheduled game on Martha's Vineyard as did the Junior High School boys. A party was given to the boys' and girls' basketball teams in the Purity Ice Cream Parlor by Mr. J. H. Hughes and Mr. Frank Becker. Basketball letters were awarded to the boys and girls who had played in the required number of league games.

Through the courtesy of the park commissioners pupils of the high school and the seventh and eighth grades were allowed to use the tennis courts. Many students who were not familiar with the game were given the opportunity to learn it. A few games were played with the students in Tisbury High School.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee and teachers for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

BERT L. MERRILL,

Principal.

Report of Supervisor of Household Arts Department

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my fourth annual report of the work planned for and accomplished in the Household Arts Department.

The enrollment and time allotment for this year is as follows:

Seventh Grade: 20 pupils—one period daily.

Eighth Grade: 8 pupils—one period daily.

Freshmen: 7 pupils—six periods weekly.

Sophomores: 6 pupils—six periods weekly.

Total—41 pupils.

The Seventh Grade work is divided into two units, namely, a Food Unit and a Clothing Unit. The Foods Units is made up of two projects, a breakfast project and a luncheon project. In the breakfast project the girls learn to prepare various breakfast foods such as fruits, cereals, eggs, toast, muffins and cocoa. Along with the actual preparation of these foods, the girls study the making of balanced breakfast menus, the cost per person of various

menus, table setting and serving, and the food values and classification of each food. As a review the girls prepare and serve a breakfast suitable for a school boy or girl.

The luncheon project is similar to the breakfast project except that it deals with the foods that make up good luncheons. The types of luncheon menus are studied and the costs and food values are worked out. The foods prepared include soups, scalloped dishes, "left-over" dishes, quick breads, salads and simple desserts. After preparing these foods separately, the girl's plan, prepare, and serve a luncheon. This meal gives them practical work in table decorations, table setting and serving, and table etiquette, as well as in the actual preparation of the food.

The principles of Housework are also studied and the girls have practice in dishwashing, the care of towels, the sink and stoves, bed-making, etc.

When the Foods lessons are completed this class will start work on clothing. They have already made their cooking aprons and at least one Christmas gift. The practical work in Clothing will consist of the use of commercial patterns, the making of underwear and a cotton dress. They will also darn stockings, make patches, buttonholes, and learn to remove stains. Some work in dress etiquette and the care of clothing will be taken up.

The Eighth Grade work so far has consisted of Food Preservation and a dinner project in cooking, and a brief course in Interior Decorating. These girls had practical work in canning, preserving and jelly making. They studied all the principles of this work and all phases of Food Preservation, including a brief study of commercial canning. Their dinner project consists of the preparation

and serving of a simple dinner as well as the making of pastries, cakes, quick breads, yeast bread, and a study of meat cookery.

The Interior Decorating work was restricted to bedrooms although the principle studies could easily be applied to other rooms. The girls made notebooks of their work and a prize is to be awarded to the best. The outline of the work was as follows; wall and woodwork finishes, floors and floor finishes, the selection of furniture, windows and draperies, color schemes, beds and bed coverings, closets and storage places for clothing, and accessories for bedrooms. Pictures illustrating these topics were collected as well as printed matter. For practical work, the girls are remodelling a bedroom at the Cottage. The bedroom is to be a typical girl's bedroom, and so far they have painted the walls, woodwork, and furniture. Before the end of the year they hope to have the room on exhibition for their parents and friends.

The clothing work of this class will consist of the construction of more complicated garments as well as laundering, dress etiquette, care of clothing, storage of clothing, and a study of textiles.

A new course is being tried out this year in the High School. The Freshmen and Sophomore girls taking the Commercial Course are required to take work in Household Arts. This is to be an all-'round course and is to include work in Home Management, Nutrition, Home Nursing, Interior Decorating, Clothing, Foods, the care of children, Marketing, Budgeting, and as many phases of Household Arts work as it is possible to give.

So far the girls have had some work in Interior Decorating, the preparation of rather large dinners, some work in canning and jelly-making and some work in sewing.

The Interior Decorating course has included a study of the history of Period Furniture, the financial and legal side of Buying and Owning a Home, and the Furnishing of a Home. For practical work the girls have painted and re-decorated the kitchen and dining-room at the Cottage.

Miss Landers, the school nurse, has very kindly agreed to give the girls, taking this course, a Red Cross Home Nursing Course which will prove to be very helpful. The girls on completing the lessons will take a test and if successful in passing it will receive a Red Cross Home Nursing certificate.

We hope this course will succeed in interesting the girls in the desire to study further some of these various phases of work offered when they graduate from High School. The opportunities of work in tea room management, nutrition, dietitics, interior decorating, etc., are so great nowadays that girls graduating from High School are not confined to work in offices and clerical work.

The 4-H Clubs are all organized for the year and two new programs are offered, a Room Beautiful program and a Health program. Many of the girls are trying these and some are still taking the Food or Clothing programs. Last summer Barbara Studley went to Amherst Agricultural as a representative of the Oak Bluffs 4-H Club. She was chosen to represent the "Health H" from all the girls at Amherst, which was quite an honor. Vivian Souweine was sent to the Brockton Fair for a week to represent the Oak Bluffs clubs. Every girls has an equal chance to be chosen for these honors as the girls who do their work faithfully and cheerfully are choser.

Miss Ekberg, the county home, helping a great deal with the club work this year and we hope to live up to "To Make the Best Better."

The interest and co-operation shown by the girls is even greater this year than in other years which makes the teaching part so much easier and more interesting. The Household Arts work is so closely allied to the Home that I am sure I would not receive this co-operation from the pupils unless I were also receiving it from the parents. As I feel that I am receiving the utmost co-operation from the parents I wish to take this opportunity to thank them for it. I also wish to thank the Superintendent and School Committee, who have been very kind in supply new equipment this year. A cordial invitation is extended to the parents and anyone else, who is interested, to visit the Household Arts Cottage.

Respectfully submitted,

EDITH VAN IDERSTINE,

Supervisor of Household Arts.

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools,

Dear Sir:

As another year draws to a close I submit the following Health Invoice Sheet—in place of the regular report:

ASSETS

The school offers to your child:

1. A pre-school examination.
2. A physical examination.
3. Eye and ear examination.
4. Dental Service.
5. Training in good
 - a. Posture.
 - b. Food habits.
 - c. Sleep habits.
 - d. Protection of self and others from disease germs.

LIABILITIES

Parents—Are you

- I. Entering your child in school physically fit. Having him examined by your family physician or at the pre-school clinic?

2. Having physical defects corrected?
3. Arranging visits for your child with your family dentist at least twice a year, having necessary work done, or taking advantage of the school dental clinic?
4. Taking your child to the oculist when notified of defective vision or to the Doctor to determine the cause of inadequate hearing?
5. Encouraging good posture habits?
6. Helping him form right food attitudes by serving food he should eat rather than what he prefers.?
7. Supervising his sleep period knowing he has the hours of sleep required for a child of his age?
8. Seeing that he washes his hands before meals and after going to the toilet?
9. Giving him a clean handkerchief when he starts for school?

Germs are the great Hitch-Hikers of all time, whether they are to be helpful, or harmless, or harmful to man or beast. They never signal for a ride—never ask permission, just get abroad anything, anywhere at any time, sit tight, if things are not favorable for expansion, or raise billions of offspring in a few hours if they find favorable surroundings. Let us build a barrier against the germ Hitch-Hiker, by using plenty of soap and water and catching our sneeze

Great educators today are agreed that good health is one of the fundamental aims of education.

It is not the army that fights but the army under good generalship that uses its intelligence to plan the battle that usually wins. May we by co-operation (parents and teachers) win the greatest battle ever waged.

Every Child Physically Fit,

IRENE LANDERS,

School Nurse.

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my first annual report as Music Supervisor in the schools of Martha's Vineyard.

The primary aim of music instruction is to impart to the children a love of beautiful music and an appreciation for the best there *is* in music. In order to accomplish this end, the course is organized under four separate headings which are: Voice Culture, Music Appreciation, Sight Reading and Interpretation.

From his earliest school years the child is led to express himself as freely and spontaneously as possible through singing games, rote songs and various rhythmic activities. The less musical child is instructed individually as well as in the regular class period. After he has learned to love music and want to learn to sing his progress is more or less a question of patience and determination.

In the sixth month of the second year, books are first placed in the hands of the children and they are taught to read from the printed page what they have previously learned by rote.

Sight-Reading is introduced in the third grade but the rote song work is continued from the first two grades.

In the fourth grade two-part music is begun through the singing of rounds. The study of chromatics and of song analysis and interpretation are features of the fifth grade work.

In grade six, which is the next transitory period after grade four, through the singing of three-part rounds and triads, broken and unbroken, three-part music is introduced.

Voice Culture is carried on in each grade according to the physical needs of the child in the various stages of his development.

In the Junior High School, which is the third transitory period, the new subject introduced is the reading of the bass clef. More difficult tone and rhythmic problems are part of the work.

Three and four-part music, to the extent of the students' ability is used in the High School.

The course in Music Appreciation is organized according to the physical and mental needs of the child. Rhythm and rhythmic activities form a basis for the work in the lower grades.

This is followed by a study of solo voices and solo instruments, combined with short stories of vocal and instrumental artists.

Song form and analysis are next discussed. In the same year folk music of foreign lands is introduced.

Students of the upper grades are required to keep note books of their work, which includes the study of the orchestra as a whole and by families.

Suites, symphonies, operas and oratories are the subjects in the High School program. The study of composers and their works is also part of the course.

The activities of the High Schools are as follows:

Oak Bluffs, besides its regular chorus, has two special choruses, one for boys and one for girls. These organizations made their initial appearance at the first Annual Prize Speaking Contest which was held on December sixth.

Vineyard Haven has begun rehearsals for the operetta "The Sunbonnet Girl", which will be presented some time in March.

Edgartown has an enterprising group of students who have formed an orchestra for their own entertainment and profit. They have appeared on several school programs.

I wish to thank Mr. Martin, the principal, teachers and students for their interest in the music work and for their splendid co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS P. MINER,

Music Supervisor.

Report of 4-H Club Supervisor

Mr. Robert W. Martin,
Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir:

I hereby submit my report of the progress of 4-H Club Work in connection with the schools of Dukes County for the year ending December 31, 1929.

The aim of 4-H Club Work is to help the boys and girls improve rural farm and home practices and the social life in their communities and to teach boys and girls to make themselves public spirited, useful citizens. It offers an opportunity to learn useful practices, not so much from books as by doing and showing others how to do.

The Club Pledge sets high ideals: "I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, and my country."

A number of projects are offered to the boys and girls for study, but those which seem best suited to the needs of Dukes County are Foods, Room Improvement, Clothing, Handicraft, and Garden Work. In connection with each project there must be planning and keeping of records, participation in club meetings, co-operation with other club

members, and an exhibit of the work completed. To accomplish all this it is necessary to have the help of volunteer local leaders, who can give their time to the supervision of club groups at work. I have been very fortunate in finding the teachers willing to co-operate with me in acting as local leaders and in improving the equipment to carry on the work.

In Edgartown, the local leaders are Miss Hayes, Miss Morgan and Miss Lynch. Miss Van Iderstine, Miss Plezia, and Mr. Durgin lead the clubs in Oak Bluffs. Miss Panzia and Dora Dean, a senior in Tisbury High School, are leading the clubs in Vineyard Haven. In West Tisbury, Miss Anderson and Miss Farquhar have had charge of the work. The club agent leads the groups at Gay Head and Chilmark.

Last July three 4-H Club members from Dukes County were guests at Camp Gilbert, Massachusetts Agricultural College. These Club members chosen for outstanding work in their projects were Barbara Studley of Oak Bluffs, Margaret Mitchell of Chilmark, and Harry Mullineaux of Edgartown. In October, Vivian Souweine of Oak Bluffs represented the Island at Camp Field, Brockton Fair. At these camps club members have the opportunity to meet with and enjoy the companionship of other boys and girls from all over Massachusetts. Along with their fun they have leader training classes and are expected to "hop to it" whenever they are called upon to perform a service. When boys and girls return from camp we expect them to assist in the leadership of the clubs.

A good 4-H Club exhibit was put on at the County Fair in September. Its success was due to the efforts of Mr. Martin and those teachers who were local leaders last year. Through Mr. Martin a sum of money for 4-H

prizes was set aside by the committee. There were 85 entries in the exhibit: 27 in Foods classes, 32 in Clothing classes, and 26 in Handicraft classes.

Since September, nineteen clubs have been organized in the county with a total membership of 180 girls and boys. 130 girls are working on Food, Clothing and Room Improvement projects. The Handicraft project is being carried on by 50 boys. One boy in West Tisbury is interested in the Poultry project.

We hope to develop interest in a garden project for both boys and girls in the spring and to have a canning club in the summer if it seems practical.

Two supplementary programs will be offered to club members beginning in January and continuing until June. A health improvement program is to be tried out by four clubs. The school nurse will assist in this program. The aim is to help the child to realize that health is a good investment and an asset. It will give an opportunity for each club member to check up on his own health habits and help him develop his body in strength and good appearance.

The 4-H Music Program includes learning club songs, learning to lead songs at club meetings, and becoming familiar with music written by the finest composers. The music supervisor is co-operating in this program and we plan a Music Memory Contest at the 4-H Club Rally in June.

To develop interest among the older clothing club members, there will be a Cotton School Dress Contest in the late spring.

Lack of equipment has delayed some of the clubs. Among the clothing clubs, for instance, there is more progress in the work of these groups which have a sewing machine to use than in the groups where a machine is not available. The following equipment would be very helpful in carrying on the work: a sewing machine at Gay Head, West Tisbury, and Edgartown; additional tools at Gay Head, West Tisbury, and Vineyard Haven; a stove and utensils at Gay Head and Chilmark. The latter might make possible a way of heating a luncheon dish or a beverage for the noon lunch.

I extend my appreciation and thanks to Mr. Martin, the school departments, and the local leaders for their assistance in promoting 4-H Club Work in Dukes County.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA E. EKBERG,

County Club Agent.

Former Graduates

Graduates of the Class of 1928.

Amy Denniston, Attending Gordon College in Boston.

Marion Leonard, Hickock Secretarial School in Boston.

Ruth Earle, Wilfred Academy in Boston.

Graduates of the Class of 1929.

Hazel Silvia, Wilfred Academy in Boston.

Norma Pratt, Exeter School of Art in Boston.

Adeline Alley, Boston University, College of Liberal Arts.

Alice House, Burdett College in Boston.

Elizabeth Madeiras, Bay Path Institute in Springfield.

Bertha Noyes, St. Luke's Hospital, in New Bedford.

Libby Burgess, Employed in Martha's Vineyard Hardware Store.

Frances Bunker, at home.

Jean McBride, at home.

Roll of Honor

Pupils not absent or tardy, Sep. 10, 1928—June 14, 1929

Three Terms

Gerald Denniston	Grade IV
Evelyn Machado	Grade V
Elizabeth Webb	Grade VI
Francis Madeiras	Grade VII
Lawrence Pratt	Grade VIII
Alberta Allard	Grade VIII
Francis Becker	High School
Ruth Jordan	High School

Two Terms

Jane Horne	Grade I
Henry Metell	Grade I
Elizabeth Combra	Grade II
Francis Metell	Grade III
Norman Noyes	Grade III
Percy Clements	Grade III
Aurora Rose	Grade IV
Genevieve Rogers	Grade V
Alberta Sylvia	Grade V
Josephine Machado	Grade V
Herbert Combra	Grade V
Alfred Metell	Grade V
Helen Rose	Grade VI
Baron Denniston	Grade VII
Crystell Luce	Grade VII
Edna Stevenson	Grade VII

Emelia Costa	Grade VII
William Souweine	Grade VIII
Barbara Studley	Grade VIII
Vivian Souweine	Grade VIII
Marjorie Rice	Grade VIII
Hilda Viera	Grade VIII
Selma Hughes	High School

One Term

Violet Stevens	Grade I
George Pachico	Grade II
Joseph Rose	Grade II
Jean Griswold	Grade II
Jayme Antines	Grade II
Alberta Rae	Grade II
Hilda Stevenson	Grade II
Lucille Gonsalves	Grade IV
Mary Lewis	Grade IV
Lloyd Carter	Grade IV
Elsie Hampson	Grade IV
Henry Rose	Grade IV
Irene Ferreira	Grade IV
Dorothy Rae	Grade V
Rose Terra	Grade V
Philip Combra	Grade V
Nelson Amancio	Grade V
Ethel Stevenson	Grade V
Marjorie Bowman	Grade V
Alice Costello	Grade VI
Elizabeth Arico	Grade VI
Thelma Randolph	Grade VI
Marguerite Clements	Grade VI
Genevieve Perry	Grade VI

Ruth Madeiras	Grade VI
Thelma Eddy	Grade VI
Amy Noyes	Grade VII
Lillian Allard	Grade VII
Antone Perry	Grade VIII
Florine Bernard	Grade VIII
Hazel Randolph	Grade VIII
Anna Oliver	Grade VIII
Rosamond Camara	High School
Ruth Horne	High School

Statistics

TABLE OF STATISTICS

September 10, 1928—June 14, 1929

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Ave. Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Ruth Phillips	57	41	86
2	Grace P. Smith	40	31	91
3	Muriel Pease	35	26	90
4	Hilda Terra	28	23	91
5	Mildred B. Wadsworth	46	38	93
6	Mary E. Place	40	34	94
7	Bertha Veeder	32	26	95
8	Harry C. Dorr	22	20	94
High School		46	36	95

TABLE OF STATISTICS

September 9, 1929—December 31, 1929

Grade	Teacher	Total Membership	Ave. Daily Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
1	Ruth Phillips	34	28	90
1	Mary Reed	30	15	92
2	Grace P. Smith	23	19	91
3	Muriel Pease	34	28	93
4	Hilda Terra	28	22	95
5	Mildred B. Wadsworth	32	30	98
6	Mary E. Place	37	34	97
7	Willard Durgin	31	29	95
8	Harry C. Dorr	16	16	97
Opp. Class	Mary M. Plezia	11	11	97
High School		48	44	96

HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

Bert. L. Merrill, Principal

Kathleen Arenovski

Mary Ogilvie

Margaret McDermott

Home Economics

Edith Van Iderstine

Supervisor of Music

Doris P. Miner

School Nurse

Irene V. Landers

School Physician

Roswell H. Smith, M. D.

COUNTY STATISTICS

TOWNS	Population—1925	Valuation—1928	Tax Rate—1928	Valuation per pupil	Spent for Schools	Price of per pupil	Received from State	Received other sources	Received State for Supt.	Average No. Pupils	Pupils Attending other Schools	Teachers	Normal or College Trained
Tisbury	1431	6,024,750	15.00	20,150	23,653.99	70.11	2,026.30	3,597.50		303		14	12
Oak Bluffs	1314	3,863,531	31.00	12,734	27,280.47	90.33	2,774.91		445.27	277		14	11
Edgartown	1235	3,417,536	25.50	14,608	26,895.97	115.43	2,023.77		297.16	210		11	10
West Tisbury	332	731,752	17.00	17.425	7,682.28	182.91	1,518.46		89.06	26	21	2	0
Chilmark	240	538,082	13.90	14.947	5,486.34	152.41	936.86		89.06	27	7	1	0
Gay Head	168	126,587	25.70	4.869	2,423.61	100.91	1,623.35		89.05	193	2	1	1
Gosnold	142	1,403,948	7.00	116.913	1,884.28	405.69	332.25		152.25	9	2	1	1

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